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## I shall tell her in Chinese

An Italian woman whose threat to give birth outside the Chinese embassy in Rome won her husband an exit visa from Beijing was tearfully reunited with him yesterday. "This is the happiest day of my life," said Zhu Juwang, 27, after embracing his wife Patricia Riccardi at Rome airport. "My feeling is one of happiness, only happiness." Zhu is seen reunited with his wife and 19-month-old son David.

## 7 Egyptians killed, 150 injured

**CAIRO, April 2, (UPI):** Seven people were killed and about 150 others seriously injured when a freight train with fuel cargo collided with a passenger train bound in the opposite direction early today near Damanhur, about 110 miles (175 km) north of Cairo, police sources said.

One of the cars of the freight train was set to fire after being turned over along with three cars of the passenger train, the sources said.

Seven people were killed and over 150 seriously injured, some with severe burns, as a result of the head on train collision near the densely-populated Nile-delta town of Damanhur, they said.

Nearly 3,000 other passengers were "miraculously rescued" after bringing under control the fire which broke out as a result of the two-train collision, they said.

## Council to rule after Khomeini

**LONDON, April 2, (KUNA):** Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini has decided that a council of five clerics should rule Iran following his retirement or death, according to a report here today.

The Observer newspaper quoted "officials in Tehran" who said he had taken the decision following last week's "enforced resignation of his designated successor" the Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri.

The officials added that they believed the five-member council would be set up just before or after Iran's presidential elections in August, said the Observer.

The council would be headed by Ayatollah Ali Meshkini, the chairman of the Assembly of Experts, it added.

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## WEATHER

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Kuwait: 29°C 84°F  
Abu Dhabi: 28°C 82°F  
Falkland: 24°C 75°F  
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Kuwait: 17°C 63°F  
Abu Dhabi: 16°C 61°F  
Falkland: 14°C 57°F  
Maximum temperatures expected:  
Kuwait: 30°C 86°F  
Abu Dhabi: 29°C 84°F  
Falkland: 25°C 77°F  
Maximum humidity recorded:  
Kuwait: 37 per cent  
Abu Dhabi: 54 per cent  
Falkland: 55 per cent

## Israel recruits 10,000 Filipino spies

**ABU DHABI, April 2, (AP):** The Israeli secret service, Mossad, has recruited 10,000 Filipino spies to work mainly in Arab countries, a Filipino Muslim rebel leader was quoted as saying today.

Leader of the Moro National Liberation Front, Nur Misuari, warned of the Israeli espionage in an interview in Cairo with the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Khaleej.

"Mossad exploited the general Arab acceptance of the Filipino workforce to recruit

them as agents," Misuari said.

Misuari's front leads a struggle for independence in the Philippines southern Mindanao region where Muslims are predominant.

Misuari did not give supporting details for his claim that Mossad recruited 10,000 Filipinos to spy in various parts of the world especially in the Arab states. There are hundreds of thousands of Filipinos working in the

Gulf Arab states, helping with development plans.

But he said that a few months ago 2,000 blank Philippine passports were discovered with official stamps in the hands of Israeli agents in Manila.

"Mossad had strong activities in the Philippines as both Israel and the Philippines are linked with mutual interests, both being strong allies of the United States," he said.

## Crisis due to lack of decision

By Khaled Ahmed

THE chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abdul Aziz Al Saqr said yesterday that Kuwait's economic crisis could not be solved earlier due to the lack of a political decision, not because serious studies or objective solution were unavailable.

He said, for example, in 1982 a comprehensive solution to the Souk Al Manakh crisis was presented but it was ditched due to the short-sightedness of some people with vested interests. There was also a lack of decision on the part of government.

Al Saqr announced today that the chamber has formed a number of teams to study the problems in the finance, real estate, construction, industry, and commerce sectors.

He added, after making detailed studies, the teams will propose solutions to these problems and will seek the opinions from businessmen and officials in each sector.

He said, after receiving the studies from these teams, the chamber will prepare one comprehensive report, which will be submitted to the higher state authorities.

Al Saqr was addressing the opening session of the 27th general assembly meeting of the chamber.

He said that the invitation by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to a number of businessmen and economic activists last month to study the economic situation in Kuwait, gave a good thrust to official and private moves towards an "objective and democratic solution to our economic problems."

## Efforts

Al Saqr said efforts by the chamber and other proposals to solve the economic crisis in the country, were foiled in February 84, February 85 and August 85.

He said: "These series of failures created, a state of mistrust and resulted in the lack of desire to solve the crisis in the first instance and in the ability to carry out such a solution."

Al Saqr added, under such circumstances, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry has nothing but one alternative: to continue performing its duties towards the country and its members and also continue expressing the views of the country's private sector in the framework of the national economic interests.

He added that the chamber will continue to submit its views and advice, but the decision and implementation will remain the concern of the government.

Al Saqr thanked the government for asking the opinion of the chamber, but added that this should be linked to a total operation and concern from the various concerned ministers and with a clear decision which must be implemented.

He added: "We are convinced that if the government approves the well studied plans, based upon facts and figures, the wheel of the national economy will be put on the track once again."

## Beirut suffers ferocious blitz

### Hoss calls for resignations

**BEIRUT, April 2, (Agencies):** A withering hail of shells, rockets and mortar bombs blasted Beirut today in one of the most ferocious blitzes of Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

The barrage prompted Muslim Prime Minister Selim Hoss to suggest that he and Christian leader Major-General Michel Aoun should resign if it would help end the fighting.

"I plead with all those holding guns to have mercy on people and cease fire immediately," Hoss said in a statement broadcast by radio stations. "Stop, stop this massacre."



Arafat: status enhanced

## Mr President

### Kaddoumi: FM

**TUNIS, April 2, (Agencies):** Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was elected President of Palestine today in a move designed to enhance his official status and put some flesh on the bones of the state proclaimed last November.

The appointment, voted unanimously by the Central Council of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Tunis, amounts to a new mandate for Arafat, who has been under fire for his personal policy initiatives.

The Central Council is a smaller version of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, known as the Palestine National Council (PNC), which proclaimed the state and gave the Central Council a mandate to vote on an eventual provisional government.

PLO officials said Nayef Hawatmeh, leader of the radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), proposed Arafat in a symbolic reaffirmation of PLO unity.

The DFLP and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) are the two main PLO groups in internal opposition to Arafat's Fatah movement.

The PLO officials said the main reason for promoting Arafat to the presidency was to overcome the protocol problems which arise when he has to appoint Palestinian ambassadors and visit foreign countries as head of state.

Kaddoumi has long served as the equivalent of foreign minister for the PLO.

Jordan and Egypt welcomed the PLO decision to appoint Arafat as President. Palestinians in the occupied territories also hailed the appointment.

## Lanka loan to fly out

**COLOMBO, April 2, (KUNA):** A state-owned bank here has offered financial assistance to those selected for jobs in the Middle East and Singapore but are unable to make the trip due to monetary constraints to meet preliminary expenses.

The People's Bank chairman Lakshman Watawala said the bank has initiated a loan scheme for Sri Lankans who cannot meet the cost of one way ticket, job test and medical test expenses and the official payments required by the labour department's foreign employment bureau.

The bank will provide financial assistance up to a maximum of Rs12,000 (\$400) at 18 per cent interest a year to each person.

Black smoke billowed over the capital as Syrian forces and their militia allies traded fire with Aoun's troops, raining thousands of high-explosive projectiles on the city in a few hours.

Hoss said that if he and Aoun formed the two sides to the conflict, then they should act to spare the country because its existence was threatened.

"Lebanon is more precious than any of us. It is more precious than those hungry for power. All posts become worthless for the sake of serving Lebanon," said Hoss.

Since being appointed last September by former President Amin Gemayel, Aoun has denounced the rival Syrian-backed Hoss cabinet as illegitimate and demanded it stand down.

Hospital and security sources said at least 11 people were killed, including five Lebanese soldiers, and 37 wounded in both Muslim and Christian areas by today's bombardment.

The suburban residences of US, French, Belgian and Brazilian ambassadors were also hit. No one was hurt.

Police said the three-storey residence of the US Ambassador, John McCarthy, in the Christian suburb of Yarz, was directly hit in heavy rocket and artillery exchanges today.

"The building was hit with rockets a short while ago," a female secretary at the residence told United Press International at 12:00 GMT in a telephone contact. Asked how many missiles struck the house, she replied: "Several."

The woman, who spoke with a breaking voice, said McCarthy, in his 40s, was not at the building when it was hit.

"It's a new day of terror and madness in our life," said Antoine Nehme, one of 200 people in a shelter in Christian East Beirut. "The whole area is trembling. People are on the verge of hysteria."

Several shells hit a petrol storage tank at an already blazing fuel depot in the East Beirut district of Dora and Oil Ministry director Raymond Rufayel said fires might spread to other tanks.

A gas tank blast at Dora on (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

## Confusion over coup bid in Haiti

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, April 2, (Reuters):** Haitian officers attempted a coup today against military President General Prosper Avril but had been taken to the headquarters of the Leopards elite military unit, but a senior government source said at midday that Avril was in control.

"General Avril is in the palace and is in control of the situation," the senior government source said.

However, other sources close to both the military and the government said Avril was deposed in a military-led coup.

## Hill wants yes or no; Soviet trip put on hold

**MANILA, April 2, (Reuters):** President Corason Aquino has postponed a planned trip to Moscow and is coming under new pressure to make up her mind on the future of US military bases in the Philippines.

Aquino's trip to Moscow was originally scheduled for this May or June, but her executive secretary, Catalino Macaraig, told reporters yesterday it would not now take place until at least next year.

Manila, seeking bargaining leverage in future negotiations with Washington on its military bases in the Philippines, has expanded ties with Moscow.

Aquino says she is keeping her options open on the future of the bases, which the United States regards as vital for the defence of the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

But in a meeting with their Philippine counterparts yesterday, two visiting US congressmen said there was growing impatience in Washington with the "open options" policy.

"If you people don't want us here any more, then tell us so we can look for other places. We would really like to have time to plan these things," Stephen Solarz, chairman of the US House of Representatives' subcommittee on Asian and Pacific affairs, was quoted by one participant as saying.

Solarz said the US Congress felt it was being made to wait until the last minute and time was running out for an extensive renegotiation of the lease agreement, which expires in September, 1991.

## They're after me, Dhawan tells mag

**NEW DELHI, April 2, (Reuters):** A top government official named as a suspect in the assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984 claimed at the weekend he was the victim of a political conspiracy.

Rajinder Kumar Dhawan, brought back from the political wilderness in February by Indira's son and successor as prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, declared he had been cleared of any wrongdoing.

"I have been vindicated. There is not even a shred of convincing evidence against me," he said in an interview with India Today news magazine.

"I can only say one thing: I have been the victim of a political conspiracy hatched against the Gandhis family and against me in particular," he said.

Dhawan, who for 20 years was personal secretary to Indira Gandhi, is strongly critical of a judicial inquiry into her assassination by two of her Sikh bodyguards.

Satwant Singh, one of the assassins, and Kehar Singh, a government clerk convicted of conspiracy, were hanged for the murder in January.

The inquiry report, which the government released last week after caving in to intense opposition pressure, devotes considerable space to building a case against Dhawan.

Accusing him of lying about his actions before, during and after the assassination, Justice M.P. Thakkar repeatedly concludes: "It thus points a finger of guilt at Dhawan."

Government ministers said a subsequent investigation completely exonerated Dhawan, and the 48-year-old said told India Today: "I have no doubt in my mind that some people were out to fix me."

He provides no names, but political analysts say Dhawan's years as a power broker in Indira Gandhi's office had made him powerful enemies in the ruling Congress (I) Party.

He claims the motive was to remove everybody from the prime minister's office who was loyal to Indira Gandhi.

"Their attempt has always been to shut the prime minister off from anybody who would provide correct and true information and carry out instructions without any change," he said.

## Mubarak in US to push peace process; Bush to send envoy

**WASHINGTON, April 2, (Agencies):** President Bush meets today with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak as part of a diplomatic blitz to encourage a reduction of tension in the Israeli-occupied territories and improve the climate for Middle East peace talks.

Neither side expected dramatic breakthroughs as Mubarak, the first of three Mid-

die Eastern leaders who will meet with Bush this month, arrived yesterday for his first official visit to the United States in more than 14 months.

Before his departure from Cairo, Mubarak told the Washington Post he had "no new proposals" to offer in talks on the Middle East over the next few days with Bush, Secretary of State James Baker and members

of Congress.

The Mubarak-Bush meeting marks the opening round of what a senior administration official described in advance as "a very good give-and-take" between US, Arab and Israeli officials on the Middle East.

In recent days, Mubarak has met in Egypt with Palestine President Yasser Arafat, King Hussein of Jordan and King

Fahd of Saudi Arabia. Bush will meet on Thursday with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and with Hussein on April 19.

At the centre of the talks in Washington is the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza. The United States wants Egypt, through its influence with the PLO, and Israel, through a relaxation of its crackdown on the uprising, to take "con-

fidence-building measures" to reduce the level of violence and encourage a peaceful settlement.

Meanwhile, the Israel Radio quoted political sources in Jerusalem as saying Bush plans to dispatch an envoy to the Middle East within weeks in part of the administration's efforts to activate peace process.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Bridge collapses

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, April 2. (AP): A 100-foot portion of a four-lane bridge collapsed last night, killing at least three people and sending two cars and a tractor-trailer right plunging into the Hatchie river north of Memphis, authorities said.

Police did not know how many people were injured.

A section of the 55-year-old bridge apparently was on top of the rig, said Denise Jones of the Tennessee emergency management agency. The driver of the truck and the occupants of one car were still missing hours after the collapse.

Authorities said the collapsed section was about 100 feet long.

## Anti-drug operation

MATAMOROS, Mexico, April 2. (AP): Reinforced Mexican anti-drug units began stopping and searching cars at roadblocks along the US border yesterday in a major operation expected to last at least several weeks, officials reported.

"An operation was established along all of the border," said Jose Silva Arroyo, narcotics supervisor for the federal judicial police in Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Texas.

Judicial police, the Army and federal highway police, backed by planes and helicopters, are taking part in the operation, according to Silva Arroyo and other anti-narcotics officials in northern cities.

## Drug prohibition

ROME, April 2. (AP): A new group of international experts contends efforts to outlaw drugs have failed and governments should legalise them to take control away from organised crime.

The International Anti-prohibition League on drugs ended a three-day organisational meeting in Rome yesterday by calling for an end to prohibitions that it says have failed in the struggle against drugs.

"Bad laws, passed with good intentions, have never had such a disastrous effect," the League said in a resolution.

## Two detained

SEOUL, April 2. (AP): Police today detained two sons of a top dissident leader in connection with their father's unauthorised trip to communist North Korea, government officials and family members said.

A government official, who asked for anonymity, said the two sons of Rev. Moon Ik-Hwan were being questioned on whether they had known in advance of their father's illegal trip.

## Ling loses crown

TAIPEI, April 2. (AP): Ling Hui-Hui, who last year won the first Miss Republic of China beauty contest in 23 years, was stripped of her title by organisers today because of a dispute over her prizes, pageant organisers announced.

## Sri Lankan militants reject offer of amnesty

COLOMBO, April 2. (AP): Spokesmen for Tamil and Sinhalese militants today rejected a government offer of Parliament seats if the two groups end six years of ethnic violence that has claimed more than 12,500 lives.

In a speech broadcast last night on state-run radio, President Ranasinghe Premadasa offered the militants a wide range of proposals,

including unconditional amnesty and seats in parliament if they would stop the killings and join the political process.

"We are not interested in going to Parliament. We are fighting for the rights of Tamils," a politburo member of the largest Tamil militant group said in Colombo. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam member spoke on condition of anonymity.

Left-wing Sinhalese militants said they wanted the present parliament to be dissolved and fresh general election held.

"If he (Premadasa) is sincere, we want the Parliament to be declared null and void," said a member of the Marxist People's Liberation Front speaking on condition of anonymity. Both he and his Tamil counterpart were interviewed by the Associated Press.

Premadasa promised that 29 seats in the 225-seat parliament would be vacated to make way for the rebels.

The 29 members, who included 15 from the governing United National Party, were nominated to Parliament on a system under which parties got bonus seats on the basis of votes cast in the Feb 15 general elections.

Premadasa also promised to scrap strict anti-terrorism laws, send 50,000 Indian peacekeeping soldiers home and outlaw vigilante groups blamed for killing suspected Sinhalese extremists.

But the Tamil Politburo member said Premadasa's offer to send the Indian troops back was not impressive, "because India

decides otherwise."

He said the government had no control of the northern and eastern provinces of the island, where most Tamils live, because "these areas are controlled by the Indian Army. So all his (Premadasa's) offers are meaningless to us."

Opposition politicians reacted positively to the plan proposed by the 64-year-old president,

entering his fourth month in office.

"Seemed impressive, sincere and may work, but let's see," said one official of the Sri Lankan Freedom Party.

Widespread violence is feared on Wednesday, the 18th anniversary of a failed rebellion by the front, and security forces have been placed on full alert.



One of the four senior UN officers sent to the northern border of Namibia talks to the press on arrival. They were sent to report on the fighting between SWAPO and the Namibian police. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Namibian clashes continue, 80 killed

## UN peace plan shattered

WINDHOEK, April 2. (Reuters): At least 80 black nationalist guerrillas have been killed in clashes with police in the first two days of a UN operation to bring independence to Namibia, a police spokesman said today.

Spokesman Klerie du Rand told reporters Namibian police shot dead a total of 42 South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO) guerrillas in two separate clashes today. He did not say whether there were police casualties.

Fighting yesterday between SWAPO and the police left 38 guerrillas and two policemen dead.

"Fighting is continuing at the border and we have had about 30 contacts with South West African People's Organisation terrorists," Du Rand said.

The renewed fighting, near Namibia's border with Angola, came a day after SWAPO clashes with police shattered the prospect of a UN peace plan designed to bring Namibian independence.

South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha threatened to throw out the UN force unless SWAPO was condemned by the world body.

"The whole UN operation was nearly aborted last night. No one expected 40 dead on day one," said a senior Western diplomat.

South Africa says SWAPO has contravened the UN peace plan, which came into operation yesterday, by returning armed men into Namibia from neighbouring Angola.

The Council of Churches in Namibia said eight SWAPO supporters were also shot dead from South African Army helicopters at a remote northeastern settlement yesterday. A military spokesman denied the incident took place.

SWAPO spokesman Daniel Tjongarero, speaking before leaving for Harare for a crisis meeting of the SWAPO leadership, said the border clashes should not put peace in the region at risk.

"The independence process is only starting, we should give it a chance before making any accusations," Tjongarero told reporters.

"I don't think the fighting will jeopardise the process. We need to be very realistic," he said. As a top-level delegation of UN peacekeepers flew to the scene of yesterday's clashes, South Africa said it was slowing a military withdrawal from Namibia.

A military spokesman in Windhoek said South Africa, after consultation with the UN authorities, was suspending its process of demobilisation.

"The units involved are being activated to assist the Namibian

police in warding off this incursion," the spokesman added.

In Harare, the Namibian nationalist group's leader Sam Nujoma said SWAPO was carrying out its own investigation into yesterday's clashes and accused South Africa of trying to use the clash to disrupt the independent process.

Some SWAPO officials in Windhoek claimed the incursion was staged by South African agents in a bid to ruin Namibia's chances of independence.

Others acknowledged that many hardline SWAPO guerrillas were dissatisfied with the peace plan because they thought it favoured South Africa.

"It is very difficult for the SWAPO leadership within the country to keep control over these people in Angola," one SWAPO sources said.

The disastrous start to the UN's independence operation comes as a severe blow to officials responsible for the UN Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG), one of the biggest military-civilian operations ever mounted by the world body.

"The situation is too delicate to comment on," said a grim-faced Cedric Thornberry, assistant to UNTAG chief Martti Ahtisaari, after returning from a fact-finding trip to the scene of the SWAPO clash with the police.

## There's no place like home: Laya

## Marcos' official returns

MANILA, April 2. (Agencies): A former member of ousted Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos' cabinet, who was arrested in Hawaii as a witness in a racketeering case against the Marcoses, was allowed to return today for his daughter's college graduation.

Former Education Minister Jaime Laya was embraced by his daughter Mianne as he arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport. Miss Laya is graduating with honours from the state-run University of the Philippines.

"I'm so happy to be back in the Philippines," Laya told reporters. "There's no place like home."

US magistrate Bert Tokairin of Honolulu on Friday approved an agreement between Laya and the US Justice Department enabling Laya to go back to the Philippines on the condition he appears in Federal Court in New York on April 18.

US prosecutors want Laya to appear as a material witness against Marcos and his wife, Imelda, whom a federal grand jury indicted for allegedly rob-

bing the Philippines of more than \$100 million and stashing much of it in the United States.

US agents arrested Laya on March 22 in Honolulu, where he was to visit the ailing Marcos together with other former officials of the deposed ruler. The Marcoses fled to Hawaii following a popular uprising in 1986 that also swept Corazon Aquino to the presidency.

In another incident armed men blew up a transmission tower in the southern Philippines, knocking out power in at least three provinces, the military reported today.

A report to the Army headquarters in Manila said an undetermined amount of explosives were used in the attack early yesterday in Buluan town in Maguindanao province, about 976 kilometres (610 miles) south-east of Manila on Mindanao island.

Newspapers said Moro National Liberation Front guerrillas, who have been fighting for autonomy in Mindanao and other southern islands, were responsible for the blast.

## Albanians may resort to guerrilla attacks

BELGRADE, April 2. (Reuters): Bombs have been thrown at a troop truck in Yugoslavia's riot-torn Kosovo province and at a newspaper office amid signs that ethnic Albanians may resort to guerrilla attacks in their fight against Serbian dominance.

The weekend blasts reinforced a view by defence sources that guerrilla attacks may flare at home and abroad after a week of ethnic Albanian riots which the authorities say killed 24 people.

The riots over curbs by Serbia, the largest of Yugoslavia's six republics, on Kosovo's self-rule, produced the worst ethnic bloodshed in communist Yugoslavia since World War Two.

"There are now clear signs Yugoslavia will be faced with a domestic and international terrorist campaign by Albanians against Serbian rule in Kosovo," a western defence source said.

Kosovo is under curfew with thousands of riot police, troops and armoured cars patrolling the province to prevent a repeat of the riots which climaxed last Tuesday and subsided on Wednesday.

A police source said Albanian separatists lobbed a bomb at a troop truck in the southern province yesterday. It narrowly missed and exploded harmlessly on the road.

The incident at Suva Reka, 260 km (160 miles) south of Belgrade and the scene of some of the worst rioting, was the first of its kind reported so far.

Local residents said Army tanks and armoured cars with machine guns mounted on their turrets were later stationed outside the town.

Last night a bomb exploded on the window ledge of the Serbian newspaper Politika's reporting bureau in the northeast Yugoslav town of Osijek, 180 km (110 miles) northwest of Belgrade in the republic of Croatia, Tanjug news agency said.

Nobody was hurt and there was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast, the first reported anti-Serbian act of violence in Yugoslavia outside Kosovo.

A fire was also reported yesterday at a battery factory in Kosovo, without explanation by the authorities. Last week there was a petrol bomb attack against a Yugoslav travel agency in Brussels, where there is a large ethnic Albanian community.

"State authorities in Kosovo and Yugoslavia think militant and fanatical elements of the Albanian separatist movement will continue their attempts to recruit even more Albanians for an uprising," the Yugoslav federal newspaper Borba said today.

"They are even now working out tactics of terrorism and a new armed uprising, including taking to the hills," it said.



Gorbachev (left) accompanied by Haughey, waves to well-wishers on his arrival at Shannon airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Gorbachev pays visit to Ireland

## Haughey offers summit venue

SHANNON, Ireland, April 2. (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, making a lightning visit to Ireland today, urged East and West Europe to "put its common house in order" and defuse tensions.

"Europe has a tremendous potential and I believe if Europe does progress, if Europe moves forward, that will be a very good example for the whole world," he told reporters after his two-hour stopover at Shannon airport. He left Ireland and headed for Cuba.

Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey, leader of a country that prides itself on its neutrality, offered Ireland as the venue for a Gorbachev summit with President Bush.

"We put it on the table," Haughey said of the offer without giving any details of Gorbachev's response except to say the Soviet leader expressed his keenness to return to Ireland.

Gorbachev, the first Soviet leader to visit Ireland, said of his brief stopover, "Ireland is not a stopover but a milestone."

Talking to reporters after his talks, Gorbachev said: "We feel

very strongly that we are Europeans, that Europe at this crucial stage can play a key role in putting international relations on a new level."

"I feel that we have as Europeans to set our own common house in order and I believe that this is quite possible, that the trend is very positive."

"The European process can only succeed if it involves all European countries and of course the United States and Canada."

Gorbachev's scheduled 90-minute refuelling stop stretched to two hours at Shannon, the Irish airport that acts as a gateway to the West for the Soviet airline Aeroflot.

Gorbachev, accompanied by his wife Raisa, ended his visit by touring the Shannon duty-free shop whose success prompted Aeroflot to launch into a communist-capitalist joint venture.

The Irish airport authorities last year signed a joint agreement with Aeroflot to run a duty-free airport shop in Moscow which had a \$12-million turnover in its first 12 months.

## Cuba vows to support revolutions

HAVANA, April 2. (Agencies): A senior Cuban government official said yesterday he did not expect Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to ask Cuba to alter its support of left-wing revolutionary movements.

Gorbachev arrives in the Cuban capital today to a well-organised mass welcome by over half a million people for what the Cuban official media hailed as a "historic event" and a milestone in the "unbreakable friendship" between the two communist states.

"I doubt very much the Soviet Union would be inclined to ask Cuba not to support revolutionary movements and revolutionary countries the world over because that is also part of their (the Soviets') own internationalist policy," Deputy Foreign Minister Raul Roa Kouri told reporters.

He said Cuba had the right to support revolutionaries "because other governments believe they have a right to support counter-revolutionaries," an apparent reference to the United States and its aid to the Contra rebels who have fought Nicaragua's leftist government.

He said Cuba had the right to support revolutionaries "because other governments believe they have a right to support counter-revolutionaries," an apparent reference to the United States and its aid to the Contra rebels who have fought Nicaragua's leftist government.

Kerr said the Arab states are wary of missile encounters with Israel, which has its own nuclear-capable Jericho-1 weapon, with an estimated range of up to 370 miles (600 kilometres), and has tested an advanced version with a reported range of more than 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometres).

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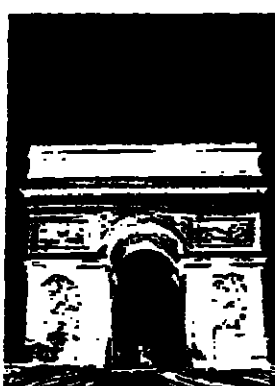
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## Implosion

An entire city block crashes to the ground in central Johannesburg on Saturday in a controlled demolition billed as the world's third-largest implosion ever. (Reuters wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Lighter Di eludes lens

LONDON, April 2. (AP): The Princess of Wales slipped out of a London hospital yesterday, eluding the massed photographers outside, and hurried home to Kensington Palace to recuperate from the removal of four wisdom teeth.

The day after the surgery at the King Edward VII Hospital for officers, Diana left by a side exit and sent her dresser Evelyn Dagley to the front door to play out an elaborate charade in front of the press.

Miss Dagley went in and out of the hospital laboriously laden with red suitcases, a cardboard box, a holdall and several bouquets, while the 27-year-old Princess headed for the Palace to nurse her tender jaw in the privacy of her own home.

## Buffalo bank pays out!

CHANDIGARH, India, April 2. (AP): A farmer whose buffalo swallowed his wife's gold jewelry 12 years ago patiently waited for the animal to die a natural death, then recovered the baubles from the beast's belly.

When the unidentified farmer bought the buffalo, his wife fed it a traditional mixture of sugary flour from a basin that she had forgotten also contained her jewelry, the *Chandigarh Tribune* reported Wednesday.

The buffalo swallowed the woman's necklace, earrings and bangles worth about \$2,000, the newspaper said.

Even though friends suggested that the farmer kill the animal to recover the jewelry, he decided to wait until it died a natural death, the newspaper said.

It finally died today at the farm in Kaithal, 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of Chandigarh, the paper said.

## Kelly beats pneumonia

LOS ANGELES, April 2. (AP): Gene Kelly, the quintessential song-and-dance man, was in fair condition yesterday and recuperating quickly at a hospital after he cancelled a weekend performance because of pneumonia.

"He's walking around and will probably be released tomorrow," said Cedars-Sinai hospital spokesman Ron Wise.

Kelly, 76, entered the hospital and was admitted under a pseudonym Wednesday. "He came in quietly," Wise said. "His physicians didn't want him to be bothered by phone calls or visitors."

The illness forced the actor-dancer to cancel a performance or his one-man show *Evening With Gene Kelly* at the La Mirada civic center Friday night.

## Fine on Magnum menu

HONOLULU, April 2. (AP): The black orchid, an upscale restaurant partly owned by actor Tom Selleck, was fined \$35,400 for 173 immigration law violations, federal officials said.

In order to prevent illegal aliens from obtaining employment, all employers must verify that new employees are US citizens or aliens who have the right to work in the United States. "We're just shocked to hear it," said Randy Schoch, president and part-owner of the restaurant. "We have no illegal aliens working for us absolute zero. We felt that we had filled out all the forms."

## 'Sole' train for China

BELING, April 2. (AP): Environmentalists are sponsoring a 5,200-mile (8,368-kilometre) run across China, starting May 1, to highlight its ecological problems.

About a dozen people from China and Japan already have signed up for the run across the plateau of western China to its wooded north-east, said Wang Gaoling, an organizer of the *For Tomorrow, Run Through China* group. Some have signed up to run the whole distance, while others will only run segments.

## Now who's the fool?

COLOMBO, April 2. (AP): An April Fools' Day joke backfired on a local newspaper yesterday when riot police had to be called to control more than 2,000 readers demanding prizes in a number game, officials said.

The *Dawasa* newspaper of April 1 offered 10,000 Sri Lankan rupees (about \$300) in a numbers game to readers. The Sinhalese language newspaper said the prize was to be claimed before noon.

A police official said more than 2,000 readers gathered at the newspaper office in the centre of the city and demanded the money. Riot police had to be called when the readers refused to accept the newspaper management's explanation that the game was a joke, he said.

The official, who did not wish to be identified, said the crowd dispersed only after the management gave written assurances that a final decision on the prizes would be made later.

Two other newspapers carried spoof news reports but of a less dramatic nature.

## Judge in feminist fire

NEW YORK, April 2. (AP): A judge faced growing criticism yesterday for deciding that cultural considerations warranted a light sentence for a Chinese immigrant who beat his wife to death because she was unfaithful.

The New York City Chapter of the National Organisation for Women announced that it would complain to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct in the next two weeks to protest the sentence of five years probation.

"I think the judge has shown both prejudice and bias by giving the husband probation," said Francoise Jacobsohn, the chapter president. "It is not acceptable for a man to kill his wife for any reason."

Judge Edward Pincus cited "cultural aspects" Thursday in sentencing Dong Lu Chen, 51, to probation in the slaying of his wife, Jian Wan Chen, 40.

## Road offer to Bergman

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, April 2. (AP): Ingmar Bergman's production of a Japanese play has not yet gone before the critics, but it already has been invited to go on the road.

The famed director opens *The Marquis de Sade*, by Japanese playwright Yukio Mishima, on April 8 at the Royal Dramatic Theater, after he scrapped plans to stage Shakespeare's *A Winter's Tale*.

The play, with an all-female cast, has received invitations so far from Tokyo and Denmark, theater spokesman Leif Ostman said Thursday.

## Yogurt makes first base

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2. (AP): Baseball fans who attend San Francisco Giants games at Candlestick Park this season may be shocked to discover their stadium has changed its menu.

Concession choices will no longer be limited to standard ballpark fast-food fare, such as fat-filled frankfurters, salted peanuts and beer.

Now, Giants' fans will be able to visit a special concession stand and choose among a number of healthy foods: meatless frankfurters, yogurt, salads and all the mineral water you can drink.

## Eyes flock to 'miracle'

CAMBRIDGE, Pennsylvania, April 2. (AP): The curious, the devout and the doubtful are flocking by the hundreds to a Roman Catholic church to gaze upon a life-size crucifix, whose once-open eyes reportedly closed during a Good Friday service.

Since Easter, when the Good Friday occurrence was reported in the media, more than 1,000 people from several states have been visiting the Holy Trinity Church each day, according to the reverend Vincent Cvitkovic, the church pastor.

## 'We'll win' Papa Pasok on the stump

VOLOS, Greece, April 2. (AP): Premier Andreas Papandreu yesterday launched his pre-election campaign by defending his government's handling of a multi-million dollar scandal.

Speaking before tens of thousands of his supporters in this central port city, Papandreu also said he was confident his ruling Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) would be re-elected to another four-year term in the June 18 elections.

"The government and I personally set into motion all the procedures provided by the constitution to clear up the scandal," Papandreu said in the 45-minute speech.

Papandreu's Socialist government has been accused of involvement in a financial scandal surrounding fugitive Greek banker George Koskotas, jailed in the United States pending an extradition hearing.

It was Papandreu's first appearance at a mass public rally since his return from open-heart surgery in London last October.

During his speech, Papandreu promised more "power to the people" in an effort to return to the grass roots base that helped elect him to office in 1981 and renew his mandate in 1985.

"In its new four-year term Pasok will complete the triumph of popular sovereignty," Papandreu said.

As a step in that direction he said referendums would be held on major political and social issues. Papandreu has already announced he will hold a referendum on the future of four US military bases operating in Greece.

Greece and the United States have been negotiating a new agreement to replace an five-year accord that expired last December.

## 'Fool's Day speech'

The main conservative opposition New Democracy Party said in a statement that Papandreu "tried with his April Fool's Day speech to present a restored picture of Pasok and himself. Nothing he said deserves special comment."

The Koskotas scandal and the 70-year-old premier's open affair with a 34-year-old former airline stewardess have considerably hurt his standing among voters, recent public opinion polls have shown.

Papandreu, who dismissed the Koskotas scandal as a "foreign and domestic plot" to overthrow his government, reiterated a call for the banker's extradition from the United States.

"We have emphasized that if he is not extradited quickly there will be irreparable consequences in Greek-US relations," he said. Papandreu did not say what the consequences would be.

Koskotas, former chairman of the Bank of Crete, fled Greece last November after being indicted in a 200-million dollar fraud, forgery and embezzlement scandal. He was arrested in the United States.

## Fusion test

## Hungarian lab does it

BUDAPEST, April 2. (Reuters): Two Hungarian scientists have reproduced a British-US experiment creating nuclear fusion at room temperature, the Hungarian news agency MTI said on Saturday.

They would be the first to match the breakthrough towards a cheap new source of energy claimed by Martin Fleischmann of Southampton University and Stanley Pons of Utah University.

The agency said Dr Gyula Csikai and Dr Tibor Szatricskai of the Experimental Physics Department at Lajos Kossuth University at Debrecen conducted their experiment on March 31.

It gave no further details.

## Warrant out on captain bligh...t

Alaska threatens to shut pipeline

VALDEZ, Alaska, April 2. (AP): Authorities issued an arrest warrant for the tanker captain suspected of drinking before his ship ran aground, causing a 1,000-square-mile oil slick that expanded yesterday under shifting wind and currents in Alaskan waters.

About 800 miles of beach have been tainted so far in the biggest oil spill in US history, officials said.

A prosecutor said the captain admitted drinking on board the tanker before it went aground, according to court papers obtained by the *Oregonian*, an Oregon newspaper.

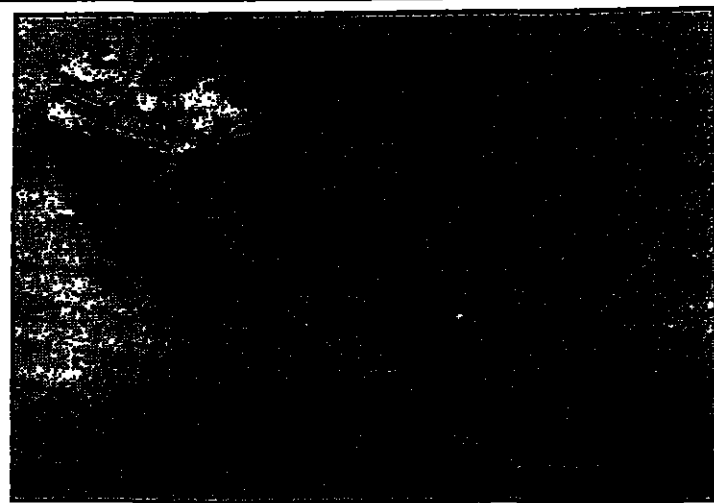
One of the first investigators to board the *Exxon Valdez* asked Joseph Hazelwood what the problem was, and the captain replied, "I think you're looking at it," the newspaper reported in its Sunday editions.

Alaska Attorney-General Doug Bailey said yesterday that criminal charges were filed late Friday against Hazelwood, 42, captain of the tanker that crashed into bligh reef in Prince William Sound on March 24.

Meanwhile, Alaska's governor threatened to close the Trans-Alaska pipeline if the oil industry fails to protect against future spills.

The bulk of the 10.1-million-gallon slick began moving toward Cordova about 50 miles southeast of Valdez, threatening the home waters of fishermen who have struggled to save endangered fish hatcheries.

Alaska Governor Steve Cow-



Boom boats work on collecting oil off Latouche Island in the Prince William Sound. (Reuters wirephoto)

per said the state will require "absolute proof that equipment is in place" to combat future oil spills. "If it's done, we're authorized to close the pipeline," he said.

Some 85 per cent of the state's \$2 billion budget comes from the pipeline, and although the state has a \$10 billion savings account, oil production on Alaska's North Slope accounts for 25 per cent of US production.

Exxon fired Hazelwood on Thursday, the same day the National Transportation Safety Board revealed blood and urine tests taken about nine hours after the accident indicated the presence of alcohol.

Charges filed in Valdez district court accuse Hazelwood of

## Rushdie reward for '103' bombers

LONDON, April 2. (UPI): An appeal to raise a reward of \$2.5 million to catch the terrorists responsible for the December bombing of Pan American World Airways Flight 103 over Scotland will be launched tomorrow in Washington, the *Sunday Telegraph* reported.

Bruce Smith, whose British wife Ingrid was one of 270 people who died when the 747 exploded and crashed on the town of Lockerbie four days before Christmas, will announce the appeal in Washington, the newspaper said.

Smith, a captain for Pan Am, said he hopes to match the reward offered to kill Salman Rushdie after Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini said Feb 14, the British author of *The Satanic Verses* should be executed. Muslims consider the novel blasphemous.

"If the Ayatollah can offer \$2.5 million for someone whom he believes has insulted his religion, then we can do the same for the monsters who murdered our families," Smith told the *Telegraph*.

Police have said Flight 103 was blown out of the sky by a bomb packed into a radio-cassette player. Several theories have emerged as to who may be responsible, but police have not named anyone as a suspect in the Dec 21 attack.

Smith will pledge the first \$100,000 of the reward from his "take it or leave it compensation" offered by Boeing to relatives of the passenger, the newspaper said.

## Right makes might in Britain's mucho-money list

LONDON, April 2. (UPI): Old money still dominates Britain with a survey in the *Sunday Times* showing that Queen Elizabeth is still by far the richest person in the country with assets of £5.2 billion (\$8.9 billion).

Although the number of millionaires has risen from 5,000 to 20,000 in the past five years, the study of the richest 200 people in Britain revealed that more than half inherited their wealth, rather than made it on their own. The report said "only 86 made their fortunes

themselves."

The "right" background clearly helps, the newspaper said. Fifty-five of the 200 went to the exclusive boys' school Eton, while 25 served in the Army's Brigade of Guards. Eleven of Britain's 25 Dukes are included, along with six marquesses, 14 earls and nine viscounts.

"The list is absolutely predictable," Sir John Harvey-Jones told the newspaper. "You won't find hard hacks like me on it. There is no

way you can make it into the top 200 if you are a professional manager."

"There are only two ways of getting on to it — either you have got to have money in the first place or you build up a business and sell it," said the former chairman of ICI, a chemical conglomerate.

The wealth of the top 200 featured on the list totals more than £38 billion (\$65.3 billion), equivalent to eight per cent of Britain's total Gross National Product.

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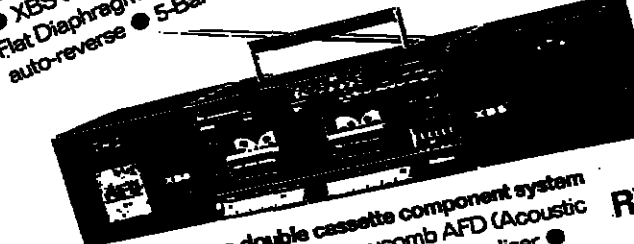
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Amiri audience

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received in audience His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and Sheikh Jaber Al Ali.

## Andrew Young

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): Mayor of Atlanta, US State of Georgia Andrew Young will arrive here on Tuesday on a two-day visit at the invitation of head of the Kuwait Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed.

During the visit, Young will meet with Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamed Al Sabah.

## Labour development

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): Planning Minister Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said the committee for organising labour will meet this week to draw up ideas on re-organising local labour.

He added in a statement to local daily Al Seyassah, published here today, that the committee, set up by the Cabinet last week and groups representatives from Ministries of Social Affairs and Labour, Planning, Interior, Commerce and Industry, will work to find best means to organise the work force in the country.

On the other hand, Al Awadi said that he will hold a meeting at the Planning Ministry next Wednesday to discuss reports on implementation of the development plan.

## Sharhan returns

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): The Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan returned home yesterday after he led the Kuwaiti delegation to 13th session of the Arab satellite organisation (ARABSAT) held in Muscat.

He hailed, in a statement to journalists upon arrival, the decisions approved by the organisation. The minister singled out from these decisions the restoration of Egypt's membership in the organisation.

Welcoming him home were the acting undersecretary and the assistant undersecretaries.

## Support to Palestine

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed yesterday affirmed that Kuwait has always urged the international community and world states to press the maximum support possible for the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

In his opening address of the Palestinian Cultural Week, Rashed said that Kuwait will spare no effort on the diplomatic and political fronts to restore the rights of Palestinians and achieve the ultimate victory.

The week, which lasts through April 5, includes seminars by member of the Fatah Central Committee Hani Al Hassan and also Palestinian folk shows.

## Children festival

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah yesterday said that the 8th Children Festival organised by Bayader Al Salam Society gives prominence to the Kuwaiti people's charitable spirit.

He told KUNA, following inauguration of the festival at the Kuwaiti Teachers Society headquarters, that he values such festivities which care for the child's upbringing, and in conclusion he appreciated efforts exerted by the society in organising that festival.

## Aid to farmers

The Agricultural Plots Department at the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries said the authority pays great attention to providing support and incentives to farmers, according to its director Yasin Al Dousari.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that cultivated areas increased from 30 million square metres in 1980 to 125 million in 1988. The authority has assigned 1,019 agricultural plots this year and anticipates that the number will increase to 1,200 agricultural plots in the coming year. He commented that the areas assigned for the cultivation of wheat were sufficient if utilised properly.

## KNPC labourers

THE transfer of the Ahmadi hospital portfolio from the private sector to the Ministry of Public Health has been opposed, according to a reliable source.

The source added that Kuwait's National Petroleum Company (KNPC) labourers trade union has reaffirmed in a recent statement that the free medical services for labourers in the oil sector was the direct result of a long struggle by the labourers to gain this facility from foreign companies who monopolised the oil shares at that time.

## Cabinet call for peace in Lebanon

## Five decrees endorsed

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): Kuwait's Council of Ministers today called on parties concerned in Lebanon to shoulder responsibility and put an end to the ongoing fighting in that war-torn country.

The appeal came during the cabinet's regular weekly session under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed stated.

Rashed indicated that the council listened to detailed reports from the ministers on the outcome of their recent activities inside Kuwait and abroad.

He added that Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed briefed the council on the outcome of the 91st session of the Arab League's Council, which wound up last Thursday in Tunis, and the third stage of peace talks of the Arab League six-man committee in Tunis with Lebanese former presidents, speakers and premiers on ways of ending crisis in Lebanon.

Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah informed the council on nature of his talks

with visiting British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd which centred on fostering bilateral co-operation in the fields of combating international terrorism and narcotics as well as security matters and the situation in the region, Rashed went on.

Familiarising the cabinet with results of last week meetings of OPEC's price monitoring and long-term strategy committee in Vienna, Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Atthbi said the committee discussed OPEC members' abidance by their production quotas and drawing a long-term strategy for the organisation in the light of the positive developments world oil markets have been witnessing lately.

State Minister for Housing Affairs Nasser Abdullah Al Roudhan also briefed the council on the outcome of Saudi Public Work and Housing Minister Prince Mateb Bin Abdul Aziz' recent visit to the country and the talks they held.

Rashed added that the council was further informed by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaibi on his visit to Iraq and the conveying of a message from Sheikh Saad to Deputy

Chairman of Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council Izzat Ibrahim as well as the talks he held concerning promoting bilateral ties.

Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah spoke of his meeting in Kuwait with visiting Pakistani Manpower and Labour Minister Malik Mukhtar who also conferred with top state officials on promoting bilateral co-operation in labour, technical and agricultural fields.

Rashed said the council listened to a briefing from Finance Minister Jassem Al Khoraifi on meetings of Arab financial agencies, held recently in Amman, to examine the important role that they shoulder in contributing to the Arab economic development process.

On his part, Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Abdullah Al Shamlan spoke of the outcome of his recent tour of the UK, USA and Canada; during which he conducted talks with officials in those countries on bilateral co-operation in the field of education and situation of Kuwaiti students enrolling in universities there.

He also briefed the council on

his discussions with Ontario province's minister of universities and colleges in Canada which led to the signing of an agreement of understanding between Kuwait and Ontario to promote scientific and cultural co-operation.

## ARABSAT

The ministers also listened to a briefing from their colleague, Communications Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan on the outcome of meetings of the general assembly of the Arab Satellite Organisation (ARABSAT) in Oman during which technical and financial issues pertaining to the organisation's activities were discussed.

On the other hand, the council endorsed five decrees concerning five Kuwaiti agreements with Turkey for protecting and encouraging investments; the executive council of the Yugoslav parliament for health, medical sciences and pharmaceutical co-operation; India for regulating air transportation; Bulgaria for judicial co-operation and an agreement between GCC member states with the European Economic Community concerning enhancing co-operation in the economic field.



Hurd leaves for Saudi Arabia

British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd and the accompanying delegation left here yesterday for Saudi Arabia after a two-day official visit. The British official was seen off at the airport by the Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Interior Ministry Undersecretary Brigadier Yousef Al Khoraifi, the Kuwaiti ambassador to the UK, the British ambassador to Kuwait and other senior Kuwaiti officials.

## Dental services may be expanded

## High-tech teeth

By Diane Diaz  
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT may soon expand its dental services by offering tooth implants, a government official said yesterday.

Dr M.R. Al Mostehy, chairman and advisor of dental services at the Ministry of Public Health, said visiting experts from the United States and Sweden are presenting information on new tooth-repair technology in their countries.

Kuwait will take their reports into account before deciding whether it is feasible to introduce the implantation services here, he explained, adding that some of those patients may be better suited for teeth implants.

Kuwait's dental experts currently install 350 sets of dentures each month. Another 1,000 patients receive bridges each month, he explained, adding that some of those patients may be better suited for teeth implants.

"If you have something that could act as a good replacer for a lost tooth, we shouldn't limit that," he said.

However, Kuwait wants to be sure of the technology it decides to use for the implants.

"So many implants have failed before," Mostehy said. Only now, with a look at the newly developed systems in Sweden and the US, is Kuwait seriously considering bringing the implant technology to this country.

Commenting on Kuwait's overall dental facilities and services, Mostehy said Kuwait "matches up with the highly advanced countries like the United States and Sweden."

For every dentist in Kuwait there are approximately 6,000 patients. In Sweden the dentist-to-patient ratio is one to 300.

Despite that disparity, Mostehy said dental care in Kuwait is readily accessible to everyone in the country.

When asked about the time a person has to wait to get a dental appointment in this country, Mostehy said: "It's not too lengthy if compared to other countries."

"You try to have your tooth filled now in England, how many months do they give you? You usually have to wait two to three months prior to being seen in an office," he continued.

Mostehy said that a patient usually has to wait three to four weeks to be seen for an examination or teeth cleaning in Kuwait. He went on to give a breakdown of other common waiting periods. In the case of a cavity, it usually takes a month or two. For a wisdom tooth extraction it may take two to three months to get an appointment. However, if a person is in pain, he is seen on the spot.

"Here in Kuwait, as long as a person is not in pain and you can definitely postpone his treatment, then this is the way," he said.

Mostehy was one of more than 500 dental experts attending the Dental Association Conference in Kuwait. The four-day conference, held at the Sheraton hotel, ended yesterday afternoon.



Nikko link for Kuwait International Hotel

The Kuwait International Hotel recently hosted a dinner/presentation for Nikko Hotels International (a subsidiary of Japan Airlines) being a member of this prestigious chain of hotels. Because of this unique link Kuwait International Hotel now has access to over 39,000 rooms in 85 key business cities in 30 countries around the world. Booking requests sent before 1800 hours Kuwait local time should be confirmed the same day by fax or commercial telex with confirmation number, rate, cancellation policy and other important information. Nikko Hotel International was established in 1971 and has grown since then to incorporate 99 hotels in its portfolio. Nikko also has reservations and marketing agreements with 74 deluxe and first class hotels world-wide, the newest member being the Kuwait International Hotel.

Seen from L to R: Hermann Simon, general manager, Kuwait International Hotel; M.A. Najia, VP operations, Kuwait Hotels Company; A. Saisho, VP and regional manager, Kuwait & Turkey, Japan Airlines Co. Ltd. and Y. Tsukahara, Director, Europe & ME, Nikko Hotels International.

## Palestine in the limelight: Habash

## Intifada in 16th consecutive month

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): secretary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Dr George Habash stressed here today that the Palestinian intifada should be maintained and declared his backing for PLO chairman Yasser Arafat as president of the Palestine state.

Habash told a press conference, held at the Palestine embassy, that the intifada, which is currently in its 16th consecutive month, had achieved great accomplishments on the international level.

He underlined that the Palestine cause has again captured the world limelight, thanks to the intifada which also provided the historic opportunity for creating the Palestinian state.

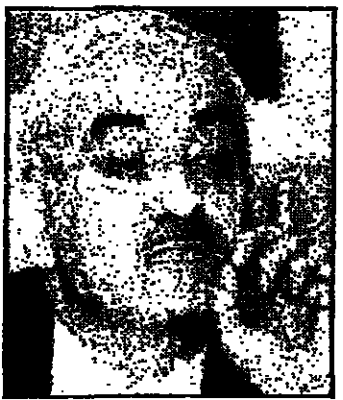
The uprising has affected the Zionist entity ever since its outbreak in the economic and political fields, Habash underlined and explained that Israel's gross national production had decreased by 3.5 per cent in that period in addition to a five per cent reduction in its agricultural production.

## Land Day

The PFLP leader arrived here on Friday on a visit to attend the Palestinian Cultural Week organised by the PLO here to mark the Land Day which fell on March 30. The day is annually celebrated to commemorate the Israeli killing of six Palestinian civilians in 1976 while taking part in protest demonstrations against confiscation of Arab lands in the Galilee.

Habash called for ensuring continuation of the intifada to force the Zionist entity into accepting the Palestine state in an international conference to be attended by all concerned international parties.

He pointed out, however, that



George Habash

the two major Israeli parties the Likud and Labour have signed an agreement rejecting the Palestine state, recognition of the PLO, withdrawal from Palestinian territories and division of Jerusalem.

The PFLP secretary said that the Zionist entity will propose establishment of a disarmed Palestinian state with its capital in one of the Palestinian cities other than Jerusalem and it will not pull out from all occupied lands nor will it allow the return of Palestinians.

## Self-rule

That meant it will advocate self-rule for the Palestinians or confederation (with Jordan), he explained.

Habash affirmed the importance of the international diplomatic arena but warned against awarding endeavour in that arena an inflated size particularly when the intifada is not the end of armed struggle but rather one of its stages.

The PFLP advocates four basic political principles topped by preserving national unity and respecting and backing the intifada until its calls for freedom and independence are realised, Habash said.

He added that the second principle calls for sticking to the Palestinian basics for statehood, return of Palestinians, self-determination and Palestine National Council resolutions passed last November 15, in Algiers.

Overriding those basics threatens Palestinian unity, the secretary warned and pointed out that deepening them enhances national unity.

He called, meanwhile, for democratic reforms within the PLO and for forming a wide Palestinian front within the organisation; rather than a grouping of factions, with the right of each faction to retain its own ideology.

## Backing

The third principle understands Israel as an aggressive entity that threatens the entire Arab world, he said and cited destruction of the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981 and interference in Lebanon.

Habash asked for Arab political backing that would determine relations with the US administration on the basis of the latter's recognition of the Palestinian state.

The fourth and final principle highlights role of the Arab masses, Habash noted, calling for popular Arab moves in support of the revolting Palestinians.

Habash supported the election of Yasser Arafat as president of the independent Palestine state in his capacity as chairman of the PLO.

He underscored that he will join the Palestinian government when it is formed so long as it sticks to Palestinian basics.

On the US-PLO dialogue, he said that Washington in the first round sought Palestinian assertion that the Palestinian people will renounce "terrorism" as if the Palestinians were terrorists.

## Ministerial committee will review manpower

THE committee recently formed by the Council of Ministers to study organising manpower in Kuwait will hold its first meeting this week, according to Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, the minister of planning.

The committee's first task at hand is to review the issue of re-employment in the local labour market. Assimilation of data has already begun on stipulating laws and legislation that deal with employment in the country, the official said.

He added that by using statistics and logistics the committee will now determine the number of workers in the country and direct their specialisations in a manner which will achieve optimal utilisation of the available workforce in Kuwait.

In a related development, confidential sources at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour today categorically denied reports appearing in a section of the press that the ministry has stopped the changing of dependent visas to private sector visas. The source also denied any intention in the future to stop such transfers.

The sources added that the new regulations organising labour affairs in the private sector did not ban the transfer of dependent visas to the private sector, nor is the ministry planning to revise this issue with a view to stop such transfers.

## University pays over KD2.5m in rents

KUWAIT University paid an amount of over KD2.5 million in rents for off-campus accommodations during the last fiscal year, according to a university official.

Sultan Yaqoub, director of the furniture and accommodations department at the university, speaking to a local daily said that a special committee convenes to discuss and finalise the renting of such apartments, which are obtained through advertisements published in local newspapers and evaluated by the committee. Based on their report, which is submitted to the secretary-general of the university, appropriate decisions are taken.

Last fiscal year, the university rented 29 buildings

comprising 450 flats with an additional 14 villas. Furnishings and appliances of these apartments amounted to over KD859,000.

University officials were putting the final touches on a study aimed at defining the conditions by which occupants of the flats should abide, to ensure the flats are well-kept and equate the value of equipment in terms of money. The university administration has recently issued a circular warning of deductions from salaries for any type of vandalism to such properties.

A local company has been appointed to administer maintenance services, Yaqoub said.

## Arabisation a political decision: Bishara

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

THE first discussion on the Arabisation of higher education was opened yesterday by Dr Ahmed Bishara, assistant rector for scientific affairs at Kuwait University.

Commenting on the issue, the official said that Arabising higher education is not an academic issue but a political decision taken by senior authorities during the GCC summit held in Riyadh.

Bishara said that Arabisation is not confined to translation of other languages into Arabic, but focuses on reviving practical and effective usage of the language at different educational stages. Arabisation is not intended to separate cultures, but is a means of achieving better interrelationships, he said.

He added that the Arabisation process is intended to remove fabricated barriers around Arabic terms and means of communication in daily banking and industrial firms. The support of this movement will depend on the extent of competence that employers insist prospective employees have in the language.

## Project

Dr Abdul Rasoul Al Mousa, also of Kuwait University, said the first discussion in this aspect reflects the interest of Arabisation adopted by Kuwait University. A project to Arabise foreign books useful to the educational process in the university has been undertaken. He added: "We are looking forward to pragmatic implementation instead of arguments."

Dr Issam Al Naqeb from the Faculty of Science said that Arabic should be the main language with English as secondary. The Arabisation process should be pursued on a scientific basis with the involvement of peers specialised in translations, writing, editing and related fields.

Dr Fou'ad Zakaria also from Kuwait University, said that the balanced approach should be pursued, that is to say balancing Arabisation between educational and national needs.

## Pilots ask for better treatment

KUWAITI Air Force pilots should be given preferential treatment in comparison to other government employees, according to a senior Air Force officer.

Col. Sabti Bughathi, commanding officer of Ahmad Al Jaber Air Base, speaking in an interview with a local daily said: "A military pilot is more discipline-oriented as he is subjected to stricter rules."

He called for equating the standards of Kuwaiti pilots with those of their counterparts in advanced countries who are provided with various facilities such as family housing, housing at air bases, overtime, priority in obtaining government housing, admission to schools and colleges, and specialised medical services.

He said that the base does not accept applicants who do not possess the minimum of general secondary certificates. Training of those accepted is divided into three stages. The first includes fundamental training techniques up to an advanced level within Kuwait. In the second, pilots are sent on scholarships to Arab countries or the US. Lastly, pilots will join the Air Institute, to be opened next year.

## Judiciary Kuwaitised

IN the implementation of the last five-year plan, the Ministry of Justice has increased the number of Kuwaiti judges and prosecutors by 49.5 per cent as compared to previous years, according to a ministry official.

Abdul Aziz Al Dakheel, assistant undersecretary for legal and planning affairs at the ministry, said that more and more Kuwaitis are being appointed as prosecutors. Additionally, the ministry is sponsoring the organisation of intensive training courses to be held in Kuwait and abroad.

The forthcoming national five-year plan 1990-1995 is aimed at facilitating judicial and legal procedures and streamlining formalities. It is also aimed at increasing the tempo of the Kuwaitisation process within the national judicial system, Dakheel said.

The official went on to state that a recent ministerial decision had specified deadlines to the specialists department, by which time pending cases should be settled.



## 2.5 million face starvation

## Massive relief effort in Sudan

KHARTOUM, April 2, (Agencies): A mammoth UN relief effort gathered steam today as another convoy carrying food and supplies headed toward southern Sudan where 2.5 million people face starvation exacerbated by a six-year-old civil war.

"If we don't do this, the disaster will be roughly equal to the disaster of Hiroshima," James A. Grant, the UN official co-ordinating Operation Lifeline Sudan, said yesterday. "Or in recent history, it will be four times larger a disaster than Armenia last fall."

Though no exact count exists, Western relief experts estimate 250,000 to 500,000 or more died last year alone in Sudan's civil war. Some think as many as two million have died since the war began in 1983, mostly civilians driven from their homes who either perished while seeking shelter or left to starve in refugee camps or besieged towns.

An estimated 25,000 people died in the massive earthquake that struck Armenia in December. Some 218,000 people died when the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, ending World War II.

A 13-truck convoy rolled out of the capital yesterday with more supplies in the \$132-million relief operation. A five-truck convoy left Friday, and on Monday, a 60-truck convoy is scheduled to leave with 1,000 tons of food and 10 tons of medical supplies, tarpaulins and pallets.

Before the rainy season begins in early May, Operation Lifeline aims to position at depots more than 100,000 tons of food, blankets, tents and medical supplies to keep alive those displaced by famine and civil war.

The project for the first time includes deliveries to villages and areas under control of Christian and animist rebels fighting the Muslim-dominated government.

Both the government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army have promised not to hinder the relief shipments. Previous efforts were hampered by one side or the other for political or military reasons.

Grant, the UN official, appeared at a news conference with Prime Minister Sadeq El Mahdi, who said the UN would be responsible for ensuring the rebels don't use the food for other purposes.

Grant said, "we depend on the faith of the two sides for the success of this operation and that food is being used for feeding the needy."

Rebel gunners have shot down at least two civilian passenger planes and one relief plane and have fired on several others. Claiming the government uses

civilian and relief aircraft to transport troops and military supplies. The rebels also have been blamed for attacks on relief trucks, barges and trains that have killed dozens of people.

The convoy that left yesterday was on a risky 450-mile (720-kilometre) journey to the western village of Muglad, just north of the war zone. Already 12,000 southerners were sheltered in Muglad in mid-March and hundreds more have been arriving daily.

Experts will start clearing mines from roads in rebel-held areas in southern Sudan so that shipments of food can reach more than 100,000 people threatened with starvation, relief workers said today.

A spokesman of Norwegian People's Aid, a non-government agency which has been supplying food in rebel-held areas, said bridges would also be repaired so convoys of trucks from neighbouring Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda could reach the victims.

Egil Hagen, a local representative of the agency, said experts would now be recruited to carry out the work.

"Our chief concern is to make the roads passable during the rainy season that has already started in some parts of the region," Hagen said.

He said it was not yet possible to estimate how long it would take to reopen all main roads in the area.

Sudan will take legal steps for cancellation of the common defence pact with Egypt, declared Al Mahdi on television last night.

Al Mahdi categorically stressed that the military treaty was virtually dropped ever since the fall of former President Marshal Gaafar Nimeiry who, according to Al Mahdi, concluded the pact to serve his own interest of protecting himself against his opponents (Libya's Muammar Khaddafi).

He said his present government was pursuing a policy of non-polarisation and good relations with all neighbours of Sudan - including Libya.

Al Mahdi was apparently reacting to a recent statement by Egypt's President Mubarak that the common defence pact was still standing.

Sudanese Supreme Council member Mirghani Alnasyr left Khartoum today for Damascus leading an official delegation for a three-day visit for talks on development of relations with Syria.

The Sudanese government will send a peace delegation to the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa tomorrow for talks with the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), state Radio Ondurman said today.

## Israel trying to create illusion that it has partners



Israeli soldiers try to prevent a funeral procession from marching in West Bank.

## Howe-Arafat talks when time is ripe

## UK backs international conference

MANAMA, Bahrain, April 2, (Agencies): British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said he was willing to meet Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat when the time was right.

Howe also told reporters in Bahrain yesterday that far from going "off the boil," the next few weeks would provide the United States with an opportunity to apply "the kind of persuasive advocacy" needed to push the Middle East peace process forward.

On Iran, Howe said latest events in that country showed moderates were losing the battle of influence to hardliners.

He said he didn't know how long the Iranian authorities "would be foolish enough" to sustain spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini's death threat against British author Salman Rushdie.

"Time has never been on the side of peace in (the Middle East) dispute," he said, adding that he had no doubt, "we shall move toward a meeting (with Arafat) in due course."

Arafat, who has been named as the president of the state of Palestine already slated to meet French President Francois Mitterrand, has yet to be received by senior US or British officials since he renounced terrorism in Geneva last year.

Howe said he would only meet Arafat, "at the right point in time when it is likely to make the most effective contribution."

The British minister said London was determined to persuade Israel to respond positively to the PLO's new peace initiative.

"We'll continue through resistance and determined diplomacy to argue the case for a constructive Israeli response to the new opportunities opened up by recent Palestinian moves," he said.

Arafat renounced terrorism and recognised Israel's right to exist in a speech last year in Geneva, where the UN General Assembly was transferred after the United States refused to grant him a visa to address the world body in New York.

"We believe that the right way of moving toward a settlement in the Arab-Israeli dispute is by means of negotiations, to be attained through an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations," he said.

"(We) have been encouraging the leadership in Israel and the people of Israel to be ready to respond to that, by moving themselves to the acceptance of negotiations."

Howe said the forthcoming important visits to Washington by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Jordan's King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, would provide the United States with "an opportunity for the application of the kind of persuasive advocacy... which we all regard as a necessary component for carrying the peace process forward."

He said he thought the Middle East issue was coming to a point where progress could be made.

"I think we're coming to a point when progress can be promoted rather than passing a point where matters are going off the boil as you put it," Howe said in a response to a question.

Turning to Iran, the British

## UK interfering in Kabul, say Soviets

## Pakistan warned

MOSCOW, April 2, (Reuters): A Soviet spokesman yesterday accused British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe of displaying "imperial ambition" in calling for Afghan leaders to make way for a representative government.

An unidentified Foreign Ministry spokesman told the official news agency Tass that Howe's statement in New Delhi "was remote from political reality."

The spokesman urged Britain to "display a responsible approach" as a permanent member of the UN Security Council in efforts to find a peaceful settlement to the Afghan conflict.

Howe said the majority of world opinion wanted an end to the pro-Soviet Kabul government. He called for President Najibullah's administration to "step aside and make way for a fully representative government."

The Afghan government accused Howe of blocking peace moves in Afghanistan.

An Afghan Foreign Ministry statement said Howe had

"viciously tried to create obstacles in the way of a peaceful solution of problems related to Afghanistan."

The Afghan government has also warned Pakistan against a planned delivery of chemical weapons to the mujahideen.

A Foreign Ministry statement last night, carried by the Bakhtar news agency, claimed that Pakistan was seeking purchase of chemical weapons from Western markets to deliver to the mujahideen for use in the current battle for the city of Jalalabad.

Kabul has rejected charges by mujahideen that foreign military experts were fighting alongside the Afghan Army in Jalalabad.

The mujahideen government yesterday issued a statement charging that Indian military advisers and pilots were involved in the fighting.

Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil appealed to the United States today to change its attitude towards the Kabul government which he said has realised past mistakes and changed its policies.

minister said the international community was concerned about the future of that country, where moderates appeared to be losing the battle against hardliners.

## US withdraws 4 ships from Gulf

## Ceasefire violated

BAGHDAD, April 2, (Reuters): UN envoy Marrack Goulding said today that violations of the seven-month-old Iran-Iraq ceasefire had become more serious and urged restraint.

"Recent violations are not a threat to the ceasefire, which we are determined to maintain," Goulding said in Baghdad. "But they were greater in extent and longer in time with more weapons used, and we are worried."

Goulding arrived on Thursday from Tehran to discuss the work of UN observers along the 1,180-km (740-mile) border, where Iranian and Iraqi forces are sometimes only metres away from each other.

He told a news conference, violations took place mainly in no man's land along the southern front. Eight incidents of people being shot had been reported.

four of them in the last two months.

Goulding said he asked both countries to behave with restraint and co-operate with the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG).

He visited the ceasefire line from both sides on his tour and in Iraq met Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and armed forces chief Lieutenant-General Nizar Abdul Karim Al Khazraji.

Meanwhile, the United States has withdrawn three minesweepers and a support vessel from the Gulf in its biggest naval cutback in the strategic waterway since last August's ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

A US Navy official in Bahrain said the tank landing ship Peoria and the minesweepers Fearless, Inflict and Illusive sailed through the Strait of Hormuz yesterday.

charged that Christian Army commander Michel Aoun was plotting to "massacre" Lebanese Muslims.

Syria and Iran have been allies since the early days of the Iran-Iraq Gulf war that erupted in 1980.

Velayati arrived in Damascus yesterday, the day after he returned to Iran from an official visit to Moscow.

He told reporters on arrival that he would discuss with Syrian officials the renewed civil war fighting between Christians and Muslims in Lebanon, and "conspiracies being hatched against the interests of Muslims" there.

Syrian troops and Muslim militias have been fighting fierce artillery battles in Lebanon against Christian troops for nearly four weeks.

## Iraqis prefer new faces for assembly

## Meadi Saleh wins

BAGHDAD, April 2, (AP): Iraqi voters swept dozens of first-time candidates into the 250-member national assembly in an election that opens the way for President Saddam Hussein to implement political reforms, according to results announced today.

The state-run radio did not give any breakdown of the results, but said that new faces would predominate when the new assembly meets for the first time later this month.

A total of 910 candidates ran for election, including many veterans of the eight-year war with Iran and more than 250 members of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party. There were 61 women candidates.

Officials said that turn-out was "relatively high" among the country's estimated eight million voters, but the government committee overseeing the poll did not give any figures.

The senior political personality in the election, Sa'adi Meadi Saleh, Baath Party chief in Baghdad, won his seat in a constituency in the capital, the radio said.

But the only cabinet minister running, Kurdish State Minister Hashim Hassan Aqawi, failed to win election, it said.

Two ex-cabinet ministers also won seats. They are Hatim

Abdul Rashid, a former light industry minister, and Hashim Hassan Tawfiq, who served as finance minister.

Analysts said that Rashid, 43, an American-educated economist who is close to Saddam, was expected to play a major role in the new assembly.

The assembly, elected for a four-year term, is expected to endorse a new constitution and a new law establishing a multi-party system after 20 years of rule by the Baathists.

A referendum must be held to approve the constitution, which will replace an interim charter approved in 1969, one year after the Baathists seized power in a bloodless coup.

Diplomats and political analysts have said the election of a substantial number of non-Baathists to the assembly could influence government policy in the future by enabling the independents to play a bigger role in the decision-making process.

But no timetable has been set for the promised reforms and they are not expected to reduce Saddam's personal authority.

The assembly holds a two-month session twice yearly. It shares power with the Revolutionary Command Council, which must ratify new laws and also has veto powers.

## Opposition reports abuses in Tunisian parliamentary polls

TUNIS, April 2, (Reuters): Tunisians voted today amid opposition charges of irregularities in the first elections since President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali took power 17 months ago with promises of greater democracy.

Polls for the 141 members of the Chamber of Deputies are being held at the same time as presidential elections in which Ben Ali, supported by all the parties, is the only candidate.

Ahmed Mestiri, leader of the main opposition party, the Movement of Democratic Socialists (MDS), said the authorities had harassed MDS observers and in some places election officers were telling people to vote for the ruling party.

"The situation had become

intolerable by midday... in the country as a whole the ruling party militias are present in and around the polling stations," he said.

"The MDS has decided to withdraw all its observers after abuses of every kind," a party statement said later.

In the central town of Qairawan the Islamic movement withdrew from the elections after three and a half hours of voting because of alleged irregularities.

But Hedi Griwi, the head of the Ministry of Interior unit in charge of the elections, said the only problem was that some opposition party observers did not fulfil the condition that they must be registered voters.

"Apart from that, there's no problem at all," he said.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

## Killing for new car

BAGHDAD, April 2, (Reuters): A wealthy Iraqi student killed and robbed two people so that he could add to his collection of luxury cars, the Army newspaper Al Qadisiya reported today.

It said Issam Mohammed Abdul Latif had confessed to shooting the two men in the head on March 18 and stealing 60,000 dinars (\$192,000) from them.

Issam, who already had a Mercedes, three Toyotas and a Volkswagen, bought a new Toyota with some of the money, it said.

## ACC to meet in Iraq

AMMAN, April 2, (AP): The prime ministers of Jordan, Iraq, North Yemen and Egypt will meet April 10 in Baghdad to discuss administrative issues for the new Arab Co-operation Council, Jordan's three Arabic dailies reported today.

The government-owned Sawt Ash Shaab, Ad Dustour and Al Rai said officials will discuss "projects presented by the council's member states" through various committees within the council. The officials will also plan the agenda of the first summit meeting of the country's leaders since they met to establish the economic alliance on Feb 16.

## Italy worried over hostage

ROME, April 2, (Reuters): Italy has asked Lebanon and Syria to step up the search for an Italian businessman missing for 3-1/2 years and believed kidnapped in Beirut.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement it had summoned separately the Lebanese and Syrian ambassadors to express its concern about the fate of Alberto Molinari, who disappeared in September 1985, after setting off to cross the "Green Line" dividing Christian and Muslim Beirut.

## Qaboos to visit Kuwait

MUSCAT, April 2, (KUNA): The visit of Sultan Qaboos of Oman to Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, France and Spain is aimed at continuing consultations and contacts in order to give a boost to the relations between Oman and these countries, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef Bin Alawi Abdullah said here today.

The minister also said that Sultan Qaboos will discuss with HH the Amir of Kuwait a number of issues relating to fostering relations between the two countries, regional and Arab issues.

## Assad holds talks with Velayati; receives Khamenei's message

DAMASCUS, April 2, (Agencies): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati delivered today a letter to Syrian President Hafez Assad from his Iranian counterpart, Ali Khamenei, Damascus Radio said.

The Iranian news agency, IRNA, said the message dealt with Iran's stance on the situation in the region and the latest developments in Lebanon.

The state-run Syrian Radio said Velayati also discussed with Assad, bilateral relations and regional issues, particularly the Lebanese crisis.

The meeting between Velayati and Assad, which was attended by the Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa, came at the end of a one-day visit to Syria by the Iranian official, the radio said.

Velayati had met with Sharaa upon his arrival in Damascus late yesterday. The Iranian official also met with Lebanese Shiite leaders from the Syrian-backed Amal militia and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group, IRNA said.

The official agency - demonstrating Tehran's backing for Syria and its militia allies in the ongoing conflict against the Christian forces in Lebanon -

charged that Christian Army commander Michel Aoun was plotting to "massacre" Lebanese Muslims.

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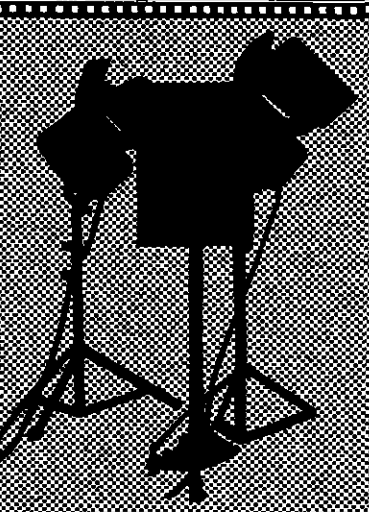
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## Mutual trust

By Charles Mitchell

LONDON, (UPI): They are staunch and outspoken defenders of opposing systems, but there can be no doubt that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev enjoy a special rapport.

"It really is something unique. The formality that infects most head-of-state relationships simply vanishes. This creates an atmosphere where real business can be done, real deals can be struck," one European diplomat said.

Gorbachev is scheduled to arrive in London from Cuba on April 5 for a three-day visit, which was to have taken place last December but was postponed because of the Armenian earthquake. Among the subjects Thatcher and Gorbachev may cover are arms control, trade, East-West relations and human rights, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

The frosty exterior that envelops Gorbachev during some political meetings melts at the sight of the leader of the official Soviet media once dubbed "The Iron Lady".

"The chemistry that Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachev generate is much more conducive to progress. They do not practise the one upmanship that sometimes pervades other high-powered relations. He has more trouble with some leaders who share his ideology and are supposed to be friendly than he does with Thatcher," the diplomat said.

A Foreign Office spokeswoman said the good working relationship between the two leaders stems from their personal rapport, and Thatcher's support for the reforms Gorbachev is trying to make in the Soviet Union.

"There is no doubt she feels this is a man she can do business with," she said. "They get on quite well together."

The relationship began even before Gorbachev battled his way to the Communist Party leadership.

During a December 1984 visit to London, three months before Gorbachev rose to power, Thatcher had warm praise for the "new apparition".

"I like Mr Gorbachev. We can do business together," she said then. Their personal relationship has blossomed into something unique in world affairs.

In an interview with Pravda published Thursday, Thatcher fondly recalled the meeting almost five years ago at Chequers, her official country residence.

"I will never forget it, but the interesting thing was that one recognised there a kind of unique person, a strong personality, and we had the kind of discussion which is really quite rare between politicians," she told Pravda.

But theirs is not a relationship of flattery or compromise. Neither will back down on the defence of their separate basic ideologies.

At the April 1987 summit in Moscow, Thatcher condemned human-rights abuses in the Soviet Union and indirectly called Gorbachev a liar by claiming Moscow was experimenting with a space-based star war-type missile defence system.

Few, if any, world leaders would have made such a speech in the Kremlin. Thatcher not only got away with it, she earned the grudging respect of many Soviet officials for her audacity and straightforwardness.

Gorbachev responded with a vitriolic attack on human rights in the United Kingdom, zeroing in on the presence of British troops in Northern Ireland.

Following the Moscow visit, the strength of their personal relationship was underscored by Thatcher whose description of their meetings sounded more like a guidance counsellor's advice on how to save a failing marriage than a head of state's idea of how foreign relations should be conducted.

"We have always got on well together because we are very, very direct. Neither of us talk in jargon. I am not a self-piece speaker and neither is Mr Gorbachev because you immediately become silted," Thatcher said in a BBC radio interview.

"You have to have arguments, passionate arguments. When you feel very strongly about things, you naturally raise your voice and put more passion into your tone," Thatcher said, adding both leaders "enjoyed" these arguments.

But her most telling remark was about their mutual trust. "If he gave me his word on something, I would trust him," Thatcher said unconditionally.

For his part, Gorbachev has mentioned only his respect for Thatcher. It remains a Soviet tradition that the personal feelings of politicians are off limits.

But it is not only Gorbachev who is enamoured with Thatcher. The Soviet people are as well. The official media long ago dropped the "Iron Lady" tag for Thatcher, instead praising her role in NATO and her special relationship with the United States.

Soviets, not used to women wielding such power or being so outspoken, made her the talk of Moscow after her April 1987 visit, a trip Thatcher says she would like to repeat.

"It is not easy to explain. They both just feel comfortable with each other. They know where they stand and they like to argue about it," the diplomat said.

"They can both handle their own intellectually. There is a special, mutual respect for that. They have both mastered their political systems and its infighting and are in control."

## Press review

## Positive sign

ABU DHABI, (KUNA): The recent surge in oil prices is a healthy indication that OPEC nations have regained control of international oil markets, the daily Al Wahda commented.

The paper added that the positive developments in world oil markets could be credited to the successful Vienna meeting of eight OPEC ministers last week.

Al Wahda said OPEC should not raise its current production ceiling of 15.5 million barrels a day, but rather think of how to absorb the oil glut in the summer season, when demand slackens.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1512 Bayezid II, Sultan of Turkey, abdicates in favour of son, Selim I.
- 1559 Peace treaty between France and Spain is signed.
- 1584 Duke of Parma, Italy, recovers Ypres, Belgium, from Dutch.
- 1612 Protestant Union of Germany signs defensive alliance with England.
- 1693 Sweden's King Charles XII declares himself absolute.
- 1742 Prussians lose Olmutz, Czechoslovakia, as Frederick II's Moravian campaign fails.
- 1776 Russia, by Treaty of Copenhagen with Denmark, cedes her claim to Olstein.
- 1833 Attempt by revolutionaries to take over Frankfurt Diet in Germany is crushed.
- 1929 Persia signs Litvinov protocol, or eastern pact for renunciation of war.
- 1930 Ras Tafari becomes Emperor Haile Selassie of Abyssinia (Ethiopia).
- 1941 British troops evacuate Libyan port of Benghazi during World War II.
- 1948 United States allocates \$5.33 billion in foreign aid to 16 European nations.
- 1972 Japan's Prime Minister Eisaku Sato acknowledges to the Diet (parliament) personal responsibility for negotiations over the return of Okinawa from the United States to Japan.
- 1979 Pakistan's Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, ousted in coup 21 months earlier, is executed by hanging.
- 1988 Iraq says its warplanes landed two Iranian oil refineries, but Iran says the bombs hit residential areas.

Arafat: a bachelor married to Palestine  
Embodiment of struggle for independence

TUNIS, (Reuters): Yasser Arafat, named yesterday as the first President of Palestine, is the embodiment of the Palestinian struggle for independence.

Short, bald and stubby, Arafat hardly cuts an heroic figure, but his presence sparks wild fervour from Palestinian audiences. In private, he is persuasive and compelling.

His critics argue that by offering an olive branch to Israel he has betrayed their cause. His followers see him as the best hope of realising a Palestinian state.

Proclaimed President of Palestine by the central council of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Arafat's dream of his promised land looks closer to reality than at any time during the past 40 years.

The central council has less than 100 members drawn from the Palestine National Council (PNC), the parliament-in-exile which last Nov 15 in Algiers proclaimed a Palestinian state and approved a peace strategy based on a two-state solution.

PLO chairman since 1969, Arafat has kept the Palestinian movement alive through scores of unequal battles against Israeli forces and Arab governments anxious to eliminate or control him.

The Palestinian uprising, or intifada, which erupted in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in December 1987, took the PLO by surprise but provided the impetus for the PNC's declaration of a Palestinian state.

A bachelor "married to Palestine", Arafat has no interest in luxuries or physical comfort, but loves children. His pleasures include reading history and late-night talks with comrades.

Helped by support from the Arab and Islamic worlds and the Non-Aligned Movement, Arafat won for the PLO a role in the highest councils out of all proportion to its military strength.

Portrayed by Israel as a terrorist bent on its destruction and challenged by Palestinians hostile to compromise, Arafat has walked a

thin line between diplomacy and guerrilla warfare.

His diplomacy paid off last December with renewed contacts with the United States following his renunciation of terrorism and acceptance of Israel's right to exist.

"I have come bearing an olive branch and a freedom fighter's gun. Do not let the olive branch fall from my hand," he told the UN General Assembly in an historic speech in 1974.

Arafat was born in Cairo on Aug 4, 1929, into a modest trading family. He fought in the Gaza Strip and the Jerusalem sector during the 1948-49 war following the creation of the state of Israel.

As an engineering student at Cairo University, he was elected as president of the Union of Palestinian Students in 1952, a post he used to gather support and nurture political contacts.

After a brief spell as a soldier with the Egyptian side in the 1956 Suez war, he and the men who later set up the guerrilla group Fatah began to talk of an independent Palestinian resistance as an alternative to reliance on Arab governments.

The first Fatah cell was formed in 1959 in Kuwait, where Arafat — who is also known as Abu Ammar — and his colleague the late Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad) had moved to work and escape restrictions imposed by Egypt.

The first political recognition came in 1963, when Algeria agreed to let Fatah open its first office abroad.

Fatah's initiation of guerrilla operations inside Israel in 1966 was a watershed for the movement. Arafat had long urged the strategy against opposition from most Fatah members.

In the early 1970s, however, the indiscipline of PLO radicals and massive Israeli retaliation to guerrilla attacks turned conservative Jordan against the movement.

By July 1971, the guerrilla presence in Jordan was smashed.

In this period, Fatah and the secret Black September group turned to dramatic acts of violence, especially airliner hijacks, to "make the world care", a strategy Arafat connived in but did not actively support, according to his associates.

Fatah's original programme called for a united Palestine in which Jews and Arabs would rule together. From the mid-1970s Arafat accepted, and lobbied for, the alternative of a smaller state of territories captured by Israel in the 1967 war.

In 1982 Israel invaded Lebanon, forcing Arafat and his forces out of West Beirut, where they had fled from Jordan.

The Fatah chief opened a dialogue with King Hussein on a proposed Jordanian-Palestinian confederation to include the occupied West Bank.

Israel did not respond, the United States pressed for direct talks between Jordan and Israel, while PLO radicals backed by Syria began to air long-standing grievances against Arafat's individualism and readiness to compromise.

When the PLO mutiny broke in eastern Lebanon in May 1983, Arafat slipped back to the northern port of Tripoli to lead his men in a hopeless battle against superior Syrian guns before being evacuated at sea under French protection.

No longer constrained by the need to conciliate PLO hardliners and alarmed by Israel's tightening grip on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Arafat began a new diplomatic tack towards peace and his desire for a Palestinian homeland.

King Hussein, whose country controlled the West Bank until its occupation in 1967, gave up all claim to represent the Palestinians in 1988, allowing Arafat and the PLO to consolidate their claim to be the only legitimate and viable Palestinian leadership.



Arafat: has come a long way

## Chronology of Middle East conflict: history of struggle

TUNIS, (Reuters): The naming of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat as President of the self-proclaimed state of Palestine marks a new stage in decades of bitter struggle in the Middle East. Following is a chronology of events:

1897 — The first World Zionist Congress, convened in Basle by Theodor Herzl, sets the aim of creating a home in Palestine for the Jewish people.

1917 — British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour, in the Balfour Declaration, tells Zionist leader Lord Rothschild that Britain will help establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

1922 — The League of Nations gives Britain a mandate over Palestine, recognising the aims of the Zionist movement.

1922-1947 — Hundreds of thousands of Jews, many of them fugitives from Nazi persecution, settle in Palestine under British protection, encouraging Arab fears that the intention is to drive Arabs out.

1947 — The United Nations recommends the partition of Palestine into a

Jewish and an Arab state.

May 1948 — With the withdrawal of British troops, Jewish settlers proclaim the independent state of Israel. War breaks out with Arab neighbours and Israel annexes large portions of the proposed Arab state. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees flee their homes in the belief that they will soon be able to return. Only West Bank (under Jordanian administration) and Gaza Strip (under Egyptian administration) remain in Arab hands.

Late 1950s, early 1960s — Yasser Arafat and colleagues, based in Kuwait, set up Fatah, the Palestine national liberation movement.

1964 — Arab states decide to create the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Diplomat Ahmed Shuqran heads the organisation, which remains under full control of Arab governments.

1965 — Fatah carries out its first operation against Israel.

June 1967 — Middle East war between Israel and Egypt, Jordan and Syria.

Israel captures the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, Sinai and the Golan Heights.

November 1967 — UN Security Council passes resolution 142, calling for Israeli withdrawal, recognition of all states in the area and a just settlement of refugee problem.

1969 — Fatah, its popularity boosted by guerrilla operations against Israel, takes control of PLO and Arafat becomes PLO chairman, a post he has held ever since.

1970 — Increasing strength of guerrilla groups in Jordan and succession of plane hijackings designed to publicise the Palestinian cause lead to conflict with the Jordanian Army. Army wins and guerrillas take refuge in southeast Lebanon.

1973 — Egypt and Syria attack Israeli forces in Sinai and Golan Heights with intention of regaining occupied territory. The war is inconclusive.

1974 — Arab states recognise PLO as sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

1975 — War breaks out in Lebanon between Palestinian guerrillas with Muslim leftist allies and rightwing Christian groups opposed to their presence in Lebanon. Syrian intervention in 1976 brings truce but Lebanon remains permanently unstable.

1979 — Egypt and Israel sign peace treaty under US sponsorship. Arab states impose boycott on Egypt.

1980 — European Economic Community, in Venice declaration, says PLO must be associated with any Middle East peace negotiations.

June 1982 — Israel invades Lebanon to drive out Palestinian guerrillas threatening its northern border, besieges Beirut. PLO guerrillas forced to disperse through Arab world.

November 1982 — Arab summit in Fez gives implicit recognition of Israel by demanding withdrawal only from territories occupied in 1967.

1983 — Syrian-backed rebellion against Arafat breaks out in ranks of Fatah in

eastern Lebanon. Arafat and supporters forced to leave Lebanon for second time. Episode sours relations between Arafat and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

December 1987 — Uprising against Israeli rule, led by stone-throwing youngsters, breaks out in West Bank and Gaza Strip. More than 400 Palestinians killed in the first 15 months.

July 1988 — King Hussein of Jordan breaks legal and administrative ties with West Bank.

November 1988 — The Palestine National Council declares a Palestinian state and implicitly recognises Israel by endorsing UN Security Council resolution 242.

December 1988 — Arafat recognises Israel's right to exist and renounces terrorism, leading to the first formal contacts between the PLO and the United States in 13 years.

April 1989 — The PLO's central council appoints Arafat as President of Palestine.

## Eccentrics create problems

Personality clashes beset Indian opposition

By Moses Manoharan

NEW DELHI, (Reuters): A decade after India's only non-Congress Party government fell apart over leadership clashes, the same problem is threatening the opposition's chances in this year's general elections.

Political analysts say Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party could be ousted for only the second time in nearly 40 years if opposition leaders bury differences and unite for elections due by the end of the year.

Failure to do so will destroy opposition chances of fielding common candidates against Congress for 544 lower-house seats at stake in the polls.

Congress is particularly vulnerable to an opposition front in the crucial northern Hindi-speaking belt that provides nearly half of the lower house seats, the analysts said.

It is there that conflicts within the Janata Dal, formed by a recent merger of three parties and spearheading the opposition's unity moves, have flared into open feuds.

The squabbling appears to have been sparked by the ambitions of Janata Dal leaders to grab important party posts now in order to lobby effectively for plum jobs in a government they hope to form on winning the general elections.

The same personality clashes brought down the country's first non-Congress government in 1979 after it had ruled the country for two years through the Janata Party.



Singh: inability



Rama Rao: comic

Janata, a merger of major opposition parties, started breaking up from the day it came to power in 1977 over differences among its leaders on the choice of prime minister.

The new opposition seemed determined at first to avoid the Janata government's mistakes by establishing corruption fighter Vishwanath Pratap Singh as its choice for prime minister.

But Singh's leadership is now under fire over his inability to control infighting between his supporters and those belonging to two other politicians — Haryana Chief Minister Devi Lal and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao.

Singh, ousted from Rajiv's cabinet in 1987 at the height of accusations of government corruption, played a key role in forming the Janata Dal on his re-election to Parliament from the Hindi-belt state of Uttar Pradesh on an anti-graft platform.

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which can be used successfully in the general elections," said Ashis Nandy of the independent Centre for the Study of Developing Societies.

The Janata Dal is a merger of Singh's group of rebel Congress leaders with Lal's supporters and the Janata. It is also part of a seven-party alliance of opposition groups called the National Front.

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## US wants to hear new Shamir ideas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuters): Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, facing US pressure to present new proposals for Middle East peace, hopes to satisfy American leaders in Washington this week without making major concessions.

The 73-year-old leader, visiting Israel's closest ally for the first time since the Bush administration took office, aims to counter diplomatic gains built by the PLO on the back of the 15-month-old Palestinian uprising.

No one expects a showdown since Washington regards Israel as its best friend and chief strategic ally in the region.

But President Bush and Secretary of State James Baker have told Shamir bluntly they want to hear new ideas when they meet him on Wednesday and Thursday.

The headline Shamir and his aides have tried to lower any expectations of a breakthrough but acknowledge a need to move Arabs and Israelis towards negotiations.

In press interviews, they have revealed glimpses of new proposals including local elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, an idea already rejected by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Cabinet Secretary Elyakim Rubinstein said: "I don't want to sound mysterious or something, but I think it's just more appropriate that the contents of what the prime minister is going to say be left to Washington."

Shamir has said that, conditional on an end to the uprising against Israeli rule of the occupied territories, his plan would involve:

- Letting Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip elect representatives for peace talks.
- Allowing both superpowers mediate in the talks, once Moscow restored ties severed over the 1967 Middle East war.
- Withdrawing Israeli security forces from mainly Arab towns to barracks, an idea included in Israel's 1978 Camp David peace accords with Egypt.

The proposals are aimed at engaging local Palestinians in dialogue, circumventing the PLO and avoiding an international Middle East peace conference.

## Sceptical

Israeli security officials and Western diplomats are equally sceptical at the chances of the proposals achieving their objectives.

Israeli sources said the Bush administration might press Israel to accept talks with the PLO and an international conference unless Shamir put forward a worthy alternative.

Shamir regards talks with the PLO as a certain prelude to a Palestinian state bent on Israel's destruction. He believes an international conference would try to force an unacceptable solution on Israel.

Some Western diplomats said Washington might be able to persuade the PLO to accept elections under occupation but Israel would have to accept that those elected might be linked to the PLO.

The idea resembles a ceasefire proposal floated briefly by some PLO leaders of the uprising three months ago but quickly squelched by the PLO.

Shamir's visit will be sandwiched between those of the two leading pro-western Arab leaders — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who sees Bush on Monday, and King Hussein of Jordan, due in Washington later in the month.

Shamir hopes to repair a friendship jolted in December when Washington opened talks with the PLO after its leader, Yasser Arafat, pledged to renounce terrorism and recognise Israel's right to exist.

"Our confidence was shattered by the American decision to conduct a dialogue with the PLO and the way it was done without consultation with Israel," Yossi Ben-Aharon, director-general of the prime minister's office, said.

"It will take work, mutual trust and close exchanges in order to restore the confidence that is necessary and even vital toward achieving stability and peace."

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Poland offers incentives for foreign investment

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

**POLAND** announced yesterday in Kuwait a package of new measures offering incentives for foreign investment with the promise to substantially trim state intervention in the private sector. The new measures outlined in the recently passed foreign investment bill will allow foreign investors to repatriate 85 per cent of their profits in hard currency.

The bill imposes a minimum corporate income tax of 10 per cent but also provides for a tax holiday of up to six years. Details of the plan were presented by a five-member Polish delegation at a seminar for

Kuwaiti businessmen and banks. Speaking at a news conference after the seminar, Janusz Kozinski, director at the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, claimed that investment in Poland will generate profits higher than those in Western countries due to the availability in Poland of cheap, skilled labour and land for development.

Virtually all sectors of the Polish economy are open for direct foreign investment in the form of joint ventures and fully owned subsidiaries, the delegates said. They provided a list of 200 specific projects in manufacturing, services and agriculture expected to be developed with foreign capital.

Poland has already invited Kuwait to invest \$300 million in the expansion of its largest refinery. Karol Sep, technical director of the Gdansk refinery, said Kuwait could market some of the oil products in European countries where the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation owns hundreds of service stations.

Poland on the other hand hopes to secure a long-term crude delivery contract that would provide it with stable oil supplies at reasonable prices, Sep said.

The head of the Kuwait Investment Authority recently acknowledged Kuwait is considering placing some of its surplus oil funds in East European states that were liberalising their economies.

Bilateral agreements on mutual protection of government investments and double taxation are expected to be concluded later this year.

The delegation comes after last month's visit to Kuwait by Polish Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski who made it clear that Poland would welcome Kuwaiti investment.

Poland is gradually adopting free market policies. Since last January the private sector can set up business ventures on equal terms with the state. But foreign investors are offered more attractive incentives in terms of tax and foreign currency retention than those available to the Polish public or private sector.

## Gas injection unit boosts oil reserves

**NICOSIA, Cyprus, April 2.** (Agencies): Iran has boosted its recoverable oil reserves by more than 2.5 billion barrels by re-starting the war-battered Maroun gas injection unit in southwest Khuzestan province, Tehran radio reported today.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said that the Maroun gas injection unit, damaged by Iraqi air attacks during the 8-year Gulf war, was rebuilt by Iranian experts at a cost of more than \$1 billion.

The first phase of the unit was inaugurated today by parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani.

The Maroun unit is capable of injecting gas from surrounding fields into low-pressure oil fields to boost yield.

Rebuilding oil and gas-related industries have been given high priority in Iran's post-war reconstruction phase following the Aug 20 UN-sponsored ceasefire in the Gulf war.

President Ali Khamenei on Saturday inaugurated the first rebuilding phase of the giant Abadan oil refinery, which before damage in the war was the largest oil refinery in the world.

Iran currently estimates its oil reserves exceed 93 billion barrels.

The injection project, which boosts Iran's recoverable oil reserves by 2,600 million barrels a day, was "one of the biggest" implemented by Iran since the 1979 revolution which brought Ayatollah Khomeini to power, the radio said.

Iranian officials said the refinery came under aerial bombardment 30 times during the 8-year Gulf war, and was also subjected to Iraqi shelling.

## IAPC's first ever meeting in Arab world planned

**THE International Audit Practices Committee (IAPC)** of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), has decided to hold its first meeting ever in the Arab region from March 20-23, 1990. The announcement was made by Talal Abu Ghazaleh, the chairman of the Arab Society of Certified Accountants (ASCA), who returned to Kuwait after participating in IAPC's session held in Paris last week.

Abu Ghazaleh added that IAPC will hold this meeting in Amman, upon the invitation of the ASCA.

### Importance

Since its inception in 1978, IAPC has held 34 meetings in different countries of the developed world. Its forthcoming meeting in the Arab region, the first of its kind, emphasises the growing importance of the role of Arab professionals in specialised international organisations and signifies recognition of their positive contribution in such forums.

The event will present an opportunity for a close appraisal of advancement in the auditing profession in Arab countries and will allow dialogue between Arab leading professionals and their counterparts in the outside world.

### Sharp price increase predicted

## Demand for Mideast oil rising: experts

**FRANKFURT, West Germany, April 2.** (AP): More than 15 years after an Arab-led oil embargo stunned the West, non-communist industrialised countries have slashed reliance on OPEC supplies. But experts warn that demand for Middle East oil appears certain to increase.

That, along with a recent upward trend in oil prices, is a source of concern for the West. And Third World countries also will be making greater demands on world energy supplies as they push development.

"Unless there are major additions to reserves and major discoveries of new oil fields outside the Gulf region, the world's reliance on the Middle East for oil is bound to rise," says Helga Steeg, executive director of the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA).

"The energy security implications are obvious," she added in a February speech. "Oil will continue long into the next century to be the most important single source of energy."

The IEA estimates 60 per cent of the world's known recoverable petroleum reserves are in the Gulf region.

**Demand**  
George Kowalski, an IEA economic analyst, predicts growing demand for oil will push up prices in the 1990s, although the hikes will not be excessive. He said officials need to maintain awareness that supply disruptions are possible that could lead to sharp price increases over the short-term.

For now, the energy outlook is comforting for Western industrialised nations and Japan, which increasingly have tapped other energy sources to cut reliance on petroleum. An oil glut also has helped keep prices down.

Overall, the 24 industrialised countries making up the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development — primarily Western European nations, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the United States — cut their reliance on OPEC oil from 71.7 per cent of imports in 1979 to 47.6 per cent in 1987.

IEA figures show that individual cuts in OECD imports of oil and related products from the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries have been dramatic over the period:

— Australia, 220,000 barrels a day to 130,000 barrels a day.

— Japan, 4.7 million to 3 million.

— West Germany, 1.8 million to 690,000.

— Britain, 1.1 million to 280,000.

— United States, 6.4 million to 3.5 million.

**Factors**

The reduction is due to several factors, including greater use of coal and natural gas, as well as stringent conservation measures.

From 1973 to 1987, the energy demand of OECD countries increased by almost 10 per cent, but during this same period, the economic output of these countries increased by about 43 per cent, the IEA says.

Conservation and energy

efficiency remain of key importance, although experts say progress has slowed in that area.

"Since the oil shocks of the early 1970s, Americans have enjoyed a 35 per cent energy consumption," said an article last year in scientific American magazine. "The main reason is that the services energy can provide — comfort, mobility, a cold beer on a hot day — are generated much more efficiently today than they were back in 1973."

The article added that conservation is saving the United States about \$150 billion per year.

Other factors, including oil production within the OECD, also have helped Japan and the Western industrialised nations.

West Germany, for example, received 179.4 million barrels of North Sea oil in 1987, up from 169.3 million barrels the year before, according to the European Economic Community.

But North Sea supplies are expected to decline to 2.2 million barrels a day this year, down from 2.4 million last year, and are expected to run out within 30 to 50 years.

That and other factors make the Middle East a focus of concern, despite the current oil glut.

Steeg agrees: "Between now and the early years of the next century, the developing countries' share of total world energy demand is expected to rise from 17 per cent to about 22 per cent."

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## Shipyard strikers on rampage

**ULSAN, South Korea, April 2.** (Reuters): About 3,000 strikers today rampaged through streets near South Korea's largest shipyard flanked by thousands of fully-gear combat police.

Eyewitnesses said the workers set fire to a police vehicle, broke tiles covering pedestrian ways and hurled rocks and petrol bombs at police trying to disperse them with tear-gas. All shops had pulled down their shutters.

The workers, fighting police for the fourth consecutive day since being evicted from the giant Hyundai yard on Thursday, demanded the resignation of President Roh Tae-Woo and the arrest of Hyundai founder Chung Ju-Yung, they said.

A police spokesman said 150 policemen had been injured since Thursday, most of them hit by firebombs or stones.

About 100 radical students from Seoul and other areas eluded heavily-guarded checkpoints on roads leading to this industrial city and joined the strikers, a student leader said.

The students, armed with iron pipes and wearing make-shift masks, belong to a nation-wide student body, Chondae-yop, which has vowed to attack Hyundai headquarters in Seoul on Monday.

A company spokesman said Hyundai planned to resume full production on Monday at the yard, which had been paralysed for more than 100 days because of the strikers' demands for better conditions and higher pay.

Outside a Seoul University today, hundreds of students and workers chanting anti-Hyundai and anti-government slogans clashed with riot police, witnesses said.

## Joint trade chamber takes shape

**ABU DHABI, April 2.** (AP): An Arab-Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been set up to give Canadian industry greater opportunity in the Arab market, the chamber's designated secretary-general, Jalal Bakdash, said yesterday.

"Most of the Arab industrial imports from the United States were Canadian-made with a US label," Bakdash told the Associated Press in Abu Dhabi.

Bakdash said that to date the Canadian industry had been "reluctant to enter" the Arab market, especially that of the Gulf. "One of the joint chamber's main duties is to give Canadian businessmen a confidence injection," he said.

Bakdash said Canada's interest in the Arab market was an alternative to the American market which he said has been beset by economic difficulties.

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### Debt, inflation to be reviewed

## Financial leaders to map out strategy

**WASHINGTON, April 2.** (Reuters): Financial leaders from the major industrial powers, worried by inflation at home and unrest in Latin America, met today to map out a strategy to cope with both problems before they derail the global economy.

The twin concerns of rising prices and the threat to democracy in Latin America posed by its huge debt burden topped the agenda as finance ministers and central bank chiefs began a series of closed-door meetings.

The United States is seeking backing from its allies for a ground-breaking new debt plan aimed at reducing the Third World's \$1.3 trillion burden of foreign loans but has already encountered considerable scepticism from Europe.

"The United States will be seeking all the support it can muster for a new debt plan and this is the first chance for ministers to discuss the benefits —

and potential pitfalls," said one European monetary official.

Just how industrial nations tackle the rising tide of inflation in their own economies is also of crucial importance to the developing world, which largely missed out on higher than expected growth last year.

Tighter monetary policy to squeeze prices since last summer has pushed interest rates higher and added an estimated \$10 billion to debt servicing bills. Developing countries are expected to voice strong opposition to still higher rates.

Early this morning, finance ministers and central bank governors of the Group of Five industrial nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France and Britain — were whisked into the treasury for a 90-minute round of talks.

They later drove south of the capital to a secluded manor house once owned by the first US President George Washington

where they were to be joined by officials from Canada and Italy for further negotiations.

The talks are being held on the fringe of the spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, sister organisations which on Friday set aside a long-running feud over who does what in the debt strategy.

That, say monetary officials, should ease the path for the new US debt strategy unveiled on March 10 by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, but doubts among Washington's allies have begun to surface publicly over the past days.

Japan has pledged its support and will put up cash to back the "Brady plan." But West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said on Saturday that although some basic concepts may be agreed, Bonn — also running a huge trade surplus — was unlikely to make a special financial contribution.

## Smithkline, Beecham discuss merger

### 'The fit seems pretty good'

**PHILADELPHIA, April 2.** (Reuters): Smithkline Beecham Corp and British-based Beecham Group PLC said today they were discussing a possible merger that would create one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies.

The companies said a possible merger would involve major parts of their respective businesses and that shareholders of both companies would be equal owners of the merged entity.

Philadelphia-based Smithkline and Beecham said terms of a possible agreement had not been finalised and they added that "there was no assurance any agreement would be reached."

The combined company would be managed by a board of directors drawn equally from both companies, they said.

The stock price of Smithkline, the nation's eighth-largest drug company with sales of \$4.75 billion last year, jumped 5.25 to close at \$60.875 on Friday after a report in the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper that Smithkline and Beecham held merger talks late last year.

Beecham earned \$239 million (\$404 million) on sales of £2.48 billion (\$4.2 billion) in its last fiscal year.

A Smithkline spokesman declined to comment when asked how close the two companies were to an agreement. He said the companies would not elaborate on their joint statement.

The announcement followed months of specula-

tion about a possible takeover of Smithkline, which has been troubled recently by declining sales of its two leading drugs, tagamet and dyazide.

Smithkline's stock attracted a wave of buying on Wall Street after last week's newspaper report, which quoted unnamed sources as saying that Smithkline and Beecham had discussed a merger late in 1988 but that the talks broke off over who would control the combined entity.

Speculation was further fuelled on Friday when Beecham said that it had retained New York merger and acquisition firm Wasserstein, Perella and Co.

Securities analysts said Smithkline would be a good complement to Beecham, which makes the heart-attack drug eminease, somnifex sleeping pills, rums, cling free, geritol and aquafresh toothpaste.

"The fit seems pretty good," analyst Steve Kay of the Fidelity management and research mutual fund said on Friday. "Beecham has said they would like to be in the US."

Last autumn Smithkline announced a restructuring in which it would partially spin off its Beckman unit, reorganise its drug businesses and shed about 1,600 jobs. Analysts said then that the moves would not be sufficient to restore the company's fortunes.

Securities analysts put Smithkline's break-up value at \$75 a share, or over \$10 billion including debt. They said Beecham might want to buy Smithkline's pharmaceuticals business and spin off its other assets.



Officials deny rumours of devaluation

# Subsidies, exchange rate will stay: Jordan

AMMAN, April 2 (Agencies): Jordan's current talks with the IMF have not covered the issues of government food subsidies or the exchange value of the dinar. Finance Minister Hanna Odeh was quoted today as saying:

Contrary to rumours, he said, the subsidies would remain and the exchange rate would be kept "within the set equation."

The Central Bank has fixed the dinar at 540 fils to the dollar since early February. Officials expect food subsidies to cost more than \$100 million this year.

Financial officials have denied rumours that the International Monetary Fund is seeking a further devaluation of Jordan's

currency, government-run newspapers reported today.

The three Arabic dailies, Ad-Dustour, Sawt Ash-Shaab and Al-Rai, reported that Odeh told the cabinet yesterday that the dinar's exchange rate would stay "somewhere near the currently approved equation."

## Talks

"We did not discuss with representatives of the International Monetary Fund the issue of changing the rate of the dinar exchange, neither the devaluation of the currency," Odeh was quoted as saying.

Odeh is leading the Jordanian side in talks with the IMF to agree on economic

steps that would pave the way for IMF credits to Jordan and a rescheduling of the country's debts.

Because of rumours that a devaluation would follow the IMF talks, "the normal flow of dollars to the banking sector was adversely affected," financial columnist Fahed Fanek wrote in today's Jordan Times.

## Deficit

He said financial institutions had hesitated to sell dollars at the current rate of 0.540 dinars per dollar (\$1.85 per dinar), believing the exchange rate might change and their dollars would buy more dinars.

But Fanek quoted "sources very close to

the IMF delegation" as saying the IMF officials "believe that 540 fils to the dollar is not unreasonable."

He said the sources told him that the IMF was advocating a five-year staged reduction in Jordan's budget deficit, which he said now stands at about 22 per cent of gross domestic product.

Central Bank officials say Jordan owes about \$1.2 billion on its estimated \$6.5-billion debt this year.

Declining Arab aid and falling remittances from workers abroad have caused a foreign exchange crunch that forced the country last year to devalue the dinar, limit imports and cut government spending.

## Soaring rates make debt problem worse: IMF official

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP): Rising interest rates in the United States and elsewhere are making it harder to solve the Third World's \$1.3-trillion debt problem, a top official of the International Monetary Fund said yesterday.

The official, H. Onno Ruding, is Finance Minister of the Netherlands and chairman of the fund's interim committee, which makes many of the fund's major decisions. The committee's 22 members, including US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, will hold a semi-annual meeting here tomorrow.

"I expect some of the minister-members to establish a link between economic developments on the one hand and the debt problem ... in the sense that the rising rates of interest in the world, particularly here in this country but elsewhere too of course, complicates substantially the resolution of the international debt problem," he told reporters.

## Increases

It has been estimated that interest rate increases will raise costs to the debtors by \$12 billion this year over those for 1988.

The rise of interest rates has been encouraged by the US Federal Reserve system to hold back the threat of inflation.

Ruding welcomed Brady's plan for reducing Third World debt and predicted that other members would, too, partly because of new elements in it and partly because it includes other elements that have already been suggested — such as the emphasis on reducing the total debt.

He said there would be a problem in reconciling the plan with a previous statement by the committee that the responsibility for debts to commercial banks should not be transferred to the shoulders of taxpayers. US leaders have also said there should be no such transfer.

"In other words, no bail-out of commercial banks — that was basically what we were saying," Ruding said.

"Can that be reconciled with the new ideas? I think partially yes, partially no. I think I will put that question to my colleagues to answer whether that statement still holds true or not. After all, we said that unanimously last time."

He was referring to the committee's most recent meeting in Berlin, last October.

He said there was doubt whether the fund, which is owned by governments, can provide financing to assure interest payments to commercial banks, as Brady has suggested.

## Ozal takes charge of economy

ANKARA, April 2 (Reuters): Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, smarting from a major election defeat, has taken personal charge of economic policy to lead the fight against rampant inflation and labour unrest.

Ozal, who last week dismissed his unpopular brother Yusuf Ozal as economy supreme, has to push through an anti-inflation austerity programme without further alienating voters weary of economic hardships.

"It will be very tough for the government to solve the social aspects like labour unrest and public suffering," said Erdogan Alkin, professor of economics at Istanbul University. "It will be unable to run a very strict monetary policy."

But Ozal has said his top priority is an austerity drive to control inflation, now running at an annual rate of 72 per cent.

## Reason

Diplomats and bankers say the prime minister's political future depends on getting the economic mix right.

Inflation is seen as the main reason why more than three out of every four Turks voted against Ozal's Motherland Party in municipal elections a week ago.

# Trade liberalisation attracts investors

Despite violence in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, April 2 (AP): Foreign investors are steadily pumping millions of dollars into Sri Lanka, despite the continuing Tamil insurgency and an escalating violent backlash by Sinhalese militants, officials say.

Foreign investors are lured, despite the violence, by the Indian Ocean island nation's trade liberalisation and its proximity to major land and sea routes.

## Violence

At least 103 projects, worth about \$932.3 million, were finalised last year, said Shalini Dantaratana, a spokeswoman for the Greater Colombo Economic Commission.

The commission, one of the

two institutions handling foreign investments in Sri Lanka, attracted a record 26 projects in 1988, Dantaratana said.

The other projects were signed by the Foreign Investment Advisory Committee, which processes joint ventures. Committee chairman Kumar Fernando said the flow of funds has not been affected by the country's ethnic violence.

The projects, wholly owned by foreign companies, will be located in the country's two free trade zones, she said.

Each zone — one 200 hectares (495 acres) in Katunayake and the other 180 hectares (445 acres) — is equipped with sophisticated communications systems, adequate supplies of electricity and treated water and modern

paved roads. Land is leased to investors on agreements valid for 99 years.

Japanese, South Korean and Hong Kong-based companies are the major investors, lured to the Indian Ocean island by availability of raw materials and cheap labour, officials said. Pakistan, Canada and Saudi Arabia also stepped up investment following an extensive promotion campaign last year.

The companies coming to Sri Lanka manufacture everything from electronic magnetic parts to false eyelashes.

An Australian subsidiary of Dunlop was the single largest investor, signing a \$40-million agreement to manufacture surgical gloves and condoms.

Pace of improvement slackening

## Better energy outlook seen in West, Japan

FRANKFURT, West Germany, April 2 (AP): The dramatic improvement in the energy outlook for Western nations and Japan over the last decade is due in good part to conservation and energy-efficiency programmes.

However, the International Energy Agency (IEA) and other experts are worried that such efforts are slowing down.

"Improvements in energy efficiency are still continuing. Many of them are the result of investments made to conserve oil when prices were high. While the pace of improvement is slackening, we can expect continued progress in the right direction," IEA executive director Helga Steeg says.

Some IEA examples comparing 1987 with 1978:

— New commercial buildings in the United States were 44 per cent more energy-efficient.

— Major non-communist industrialised nations used 20 per cent to 25 per cent less energy in making iron and steel, per ton of output.

— New Japanese refrigerators and freezers were 26 per cent more energy-efficient.

## Products

However, the growing size of consumer products sometimes offsets gains in energy efficiency. The Paris-based IEA says that is especially true with cars produced in West Germany and Japan.

Toshio Mamiya, an official of Japan's agency of Natural Resources and Energy, says his country reduced energy consumption by 2.7 per cent a year between 1973 and 1986.

He says that makes Japan a

world leader, compared with a 1.9 per cent decrease for the rest of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The 24-member OECD is made up primarily of Western European nations, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, the United States and Canada.

Mamiya said his government has used tax incentives to encourage companies to develop and install energy-efficient office equipment, while using the media to increase awareness among the populace.

The United States greatly improved energy conservation from 1973 to 1984, but when oil prices dropped, conservation slowed or even leveled off, leading US energy expert Wilfrid L. Kohl said. He urged Americans to avoid becoming complacent about energy-efficiency efforts.

Umberto Colombo, president of Italy's National Board for Nuclear and Alternative Energies, says his country encourages energy conservation with programmes that offer subsidies both for home insulation and research projects designed to find more energy-efficient production methods.

Italy's Esso Oil Company says its country's energy needs for home heating and industry have fallen 0.5 per cent annually in the last 20 years, probably due to more efficient means of energy use.

France's decreased reliance on oil is largely due to a policy of energy efficiency. It ranges from emphasising new technologies and equipment to improving home insulation.

The British Department of

Energy says it set up an energy-efficiency office in 1983 to encourage savings in homes and industry. It said the office has helped save the nation more than \$500 million (\$860 million) a year since the initiative started six years ago.

The 1973-74 Arab-led oil embargo taught industrialised countries the need to diversify energy sources. The latest lesson may be spurred by the "green-house effect."

Western industrialised nations and Japan have been using less oil in recent years than during the boycott, while other sources of energy have increased. Coal and natural gas use has risen sharply.

"It's important basically to keep diversifying first the energy mix that one consumes — and also ensuring that one is prepared to deal with a supply disruption if and when it were to occur," George Kowalski, an economic analyst at the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris, told the Associated Press.

"In the current context, oil is the most vulnerable source of supply."

The IEA says that in the late 1970s, the agency's 21 member countries depended on oil for one-half or more of all energy requirements. Now other fuels meet nearly three-fifths of IEA energy requirements.

One important energy source to watch is nuclear power.

"We would expect that at least for the next 10 to 20 years, despite the fact that the rate of increase in nuclear capacity may decelerate somewhat, it will still be one of the fastest growing sources of supply for the OECD," Kowalski said.

## KD deposits mostly steady in dormant market

KUWAIT, April 2 (Reuters): Kuwaiti deposit rates were steady today in a dormant market on the European weekend, with dealers reporting virtually no trade.

Rates in the fixed periods were unchanged from Saturday, when they were pushed up marginally by an announcement the Central Bank would issue an additional 30 million dinars (\$103 million) in treasury bills this week above an anticipated 70 million (242 million) rollover of previous bills.

One to three month deposits were quoted at a uniform 9-1/2 per cent. In the short dates, overnight was offered but not taken at 4-1/2 after trading at seven on Saturday.

Tomorrow-next was unchanged at seven six and spot-next eased one point to eight seven. One week was quoted at nine.

The Central Bank kept its dinar to dollar exchange rate fixed from Saturday at 0.29050/60.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposits were steady in a typically dull Sunday market.

Dealers reported some business in tomorrow-next funds as operators covered short positions, but all fixed period prices were notional in the absence of any demand.

Trade normally slackens during the European weekend, when many major offshore players are absent. Gulf banks are shut during the Muslim Friday weekend.

Tomorrow-next dealt at 12 per cent, rising from quotes of 10-7/8, 3/8 on Saturday because the market was short over Monday.

Spot-next and one-week quotes were steady at 9-3/4, 1/4 per cent.

The one-month maturity was put unchanged at 9-7/8, 11/16 per cent. Three-months was indicated at 10-1/8, 10 per cent, with offers of 10-1/8 reported from one kingdom bank. Six-months was steady at 10-5/8, 1/2 per cent and one-year at 11, 10-7/8 per cent.

# Japan's trade surplus widens KD market relatively firm

## Kuwaiti dinar

BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was slightly easier against the dollar ending the week at 290.42 fils compared with its week before last closing of 288.79 fils.

The KD was firmer against the British pound, ending the week at 491.25 fils compared with its week before last closing of 498.74 fils.

The KD was slightly firmer against the Deutsche mark ending the week at 153.96 fils compared with its week before last closing of 154.86 fils.

The KD was also firmer against the Swiss franc ending the week at 176.58 fils compared with its week before last closing of 178.73 fils, according to the Gulf Bank weekly market review.

The KD was slightly easier against the Jordanian dinar, ending the week at 537.81 fils compared with its week before last closing of 536.78 fils. The KD remained unchanged against other GCC currencies.

The KD money market was relatively firm over the week with one-month and three-month interbank rates trading relatively firmer compared to longer dates. This was mainly attributed to drain of liquidity.

One-month interbank rates traded over the week between 8-3/4 per cent and 9-3/4 per cent compared with 8-13/16 - 9-3/4 per cent range the week before last. While rates for longer periods traded within a relatively narrow range of 9-1/16 - 9-5/8 per cent and 9-5/16 - 9-5/8 per cent for 3 and 6 months respectively.

The CBK announced its new T-Bill issue No. (46) of KD100 million, with effective and maturity dates of April 5 and July 5, 1989, respectively. With this issue the total outstanding debt for T-Bills will be KD1,100 million.

World stock markets

Wall Street stock prices moved higher amidst slow trading which reflected major indecision about inflation and recession dangers and were underpinned by news that affected airlines. Strength in airlines stocks followed Marvin Davis \$90 per share bid for NWA pushed the transport index higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended the week at 2,258 and closed at 2,293, recording a gain of 50 points over the previous week's closing of 2,243.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange moved higher last week although prices dipped in an initial reaction to news the UK February current account deficit widened to £1.7 billion from £1.6 billion deficit in January before ending the week at the day's highs supported by a firmer tone on Wall Street.

The FTSE-100 opened the

week at 2,073 and closed at 2,074 recording a gain of 19 points over the previous week's closing of 2,055.

With market opinion settled on the idea that UK interest rates will stay at 13 per cent, unless a sudden change in the economic climate Wall Street could provide some direction to the London market.

## US dollar

Despite easing speculation of higher US interest rates, nevertheless the dollar continued to trade firm against major currencies. However, concerted intervention efforts by both the US Federal Reserve and the European central banks have been limited only to stop the dollar from breaking any further resistance levels, and not to reverse its trend.

Evidence is mounting that the US economy may be slowing, but even a slowdown could fail to produce a quick drop in interest rates.

The release of last week's data for the leading indicators of February showed a drop of 0.3 per cent. In addition to the previous data released over the past few weeks the data showed a drop in retail sales, durable goods, and capacity use.

Over the past two years, the G-7 nations have been successful in controlling the exchange rate ranges largely through central bank intervention and whether they will continue to use this approach remains to be seen in the near future.

Although we believe the G-7 is unlikely to let the dollar fall in order to help contain US inflation and prevent interest rates from rising steeply, at the same time the G-7 will not tolerate a stronger dollar, with most European ministers (including finance minister) have repeatedly said they are unhappy over recent dollar strength.

## Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the dollar at 132.65/75 yen and closed lower at 132.75/80 yen compared to its week before last closing of 131.20/30 yen.

Surprisingly, Japan launched a verbal attack on the dollar, as the yen was falling further against the dollar.

Finance Minister Tatsuoka Murayama, showed his fear that the yen might be about to enter a new stage of weakness following its fall to 133 yen. The yen traded the week around its lowest level since October of last week, though it is still within its 120 to 140 yen range of the last year.

The sudden shift by Japanese officials puzzled the market, but apparently BOJ is becoming more concerned both about the implications of the yen's drop on inflation and on external

imbalances at the same time a further rise of the dollar against the yen or other major currencies could hamper US efforts to reduce its trade deficit.

Japan's trade surplus in goods and services widened 17 per cent in February to \$7.71 billion from \$6.59 billion a year earlier.

However, many economists and government officials said February's figure was not representative of the general trend since the large increase in Japan's trade is due to a near halt in import growth while Japan's current account surplus for February brought a record high of \$8.83 billion topping the previous high of \$8.5 billion in November of 1986.

Nevertheless, Japanese officials are certain that Japan's import growth will not come to a halt, since domestic demand is still increasing and prices and volumes of oil purchases are rising while Japan housing starts fell in February by 9.5 per cent to 115,750 units compared to a year earlier, but was up 13.3 per cent from January.

## Deutsche mark

The mark opened the week against the dollar at 1.8830/40 marks and closed lower at 1.8975/80 marks compared to its week before last closing of 1.8720/30 marks, while for most of the week the mark traded soft against the dollar, despite repeated central bank interventions and was against the dollar at its lowest level since August 23, 1988.

Over most part of the week the market was seen calm as a wait-and-see mood prevailed ahead of G-7 meeting, and speculation has been prevailing that the G-7 nations may shift the dollar's preference range upward by 50 points from current limits widely presumed to be 1.7 to 1.9 marks. "We do expect the mark to stay weak against the dollar, though we do not expect it to trade within the current trading range of 1.89-1.90 marks."

## Precious metals

Precious metals prices came under pressure last week from the dollar's recent overall firmness and were depressed by fundamental and technical factors.

Gold bullion prices opened the week at \$375.50/\$384.50/oz., recording a loss of \$11.75 over the previous week's closing of \$387.25/\$398.75/oz.

Silver bullion prices opened the week at \$5.90/\$5.92/oz. and closed lower at \$5.79/\$5.81/oz., recording a loss of 28 cents over the previous week's closing of \$6.07/\$6.09/oz.

Platinum prices opened the week at \$28/\$29/oz. and closed lower at \$27/\$28/oz., recording a loss of \$15 over the previous week's closing of \$42/\$43/oz.



MEMAC senior executives attending intensive training workshops. Standing is Neville Derby, director of management and organisation development. Ogilvy and Mather, London, to his left is Rami Ikbai, general manager, MEMAC Kuwait.

## MEMAC conducts intensive training sessions

MIDDLE East Marketing and Communications (MEMAC) recently held intensive training sessions for its senior managers from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE at the Diplomat Hotel, Bahrain.

Utilising accelerated learning techniques, the course was designed to expand the capabilities of the delegates through the introduction of mental stimuli to develop problem solving abilities, presentation skills and personal management.

Operating the workshops was Neville Derby, director of management and organisation development at Ogilvy and Mather, London, which is part of the Ogilvy group, one of the top five advertising and com-

munications organisations in the world.

Edmond Moutran, president and managing director of MEMAC, said: "The aim of these courses is to reinforce skills and techniques in order to achieve the highest standards of advertising in the Middle East and to compete equally at international levels."

Commenting on his training techniques, Derby said: "Our methods of training are designed to encourage maximum openness, willingness to change, maximum real learning and its application back at work."

He continued: "We are deliberately encouraging an atmos-

phere where it's okay for people to try out new ways of working. We ask them to tackle unusual tasks and suggest new ways of doing things. And we ask them to consider their gut feelings rather than their old concepts."

Derby added: "By limiting the number of executives at each workshop it is possible to bring out and develop individual talents which, in turn, increases their effectiveness and, ultimately, job satisfaction."

A further series of courses on various specific advertising skills has been planned for later in the year following the great success of this first round.

## AMMAN

COMPANY	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.88	1.89
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.93	1.91
ARAB BANK	148.0	146.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTP	4.65	4.58
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41
ARAB INSURANCE	1.06	1.07
ARAB INTL. INV./TRAD.	0.54	0.54
ARAB INTL. UNIONS	1.25	1.23
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.95	0.95
ARAB JOR./INVEST/BK	2.35	2.30
ARAB PAPER/CON/TRD	0.45	0.43
ARAB PHARMA./HAF.	3.07	3.05
ARAB PHARMA./CHEM	1.02	1.00
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.30	15.40
BEIT AL-HAL/BEITMA	1.03	1.03
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	31.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHABAR PRESS	0.52	0.52
DAR ALADWA DV/INV.	2.32	2.31
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.78	0.77

FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.55	4.55
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.35	1.27
GENERAL MINING	2.20	2.10
HIMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND TRS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEKO	0.69	0.70
INDSTR. DEVLPT BKK	1.60	1.60
INDSTR./COM/AGR	1.64	1.62
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERCOM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.75	1.73
J.TOUR-SM COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	20.00	20.00
JORDAN FACTOR	1.95	1.97
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.50	1.50
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.00	1.00
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.25	2.26
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	1.20	1.20



Home of pizza battles to keep it pure

# Hands off Neapolitan pizzas

You may like your pizza with pickles, sausages, frankfurters, beans or carrots — but that is not the way to eat pizza, says the Naples Association of Real Pizzas who are lobbying for a law to protect the real thing.

By Andrew Gumble

NAPLES, Italy, (Reuters): What's a simple cook to do when the Queen of Italy bids him feed everyone at the palace?

Faced with that problem exactly 100 years ago, Raffaele Esposito of Naples came up with a now legendary recipe for pizza in the colours of the Italian flag.

His pizza Margherita — topped with red tomato, green basil and white mozzarella cheese and named after his patron — is the hallmark of Naples around the world and now the city is fighting to stop the classic recipe being distorted and abused.

Taking advantage of the anniversary, Naples' association for real pizza has teamed up with local politicians to lobby for a law protecting Esposito's method.

"We want a code defining the exact procedure for making Naples pizza, from the ingredients to the kind of oven used to bake it," said Gennaro Ambrosio, regional councillor in charge of the campaign which has attracted thousands of supporters.

"Neapolitan pizza is undergoing a series of adulterations which have nothing to do with tradition," he said.

Naples' plump, light dough which soaks up the flavour of tomato and olive oil as it cooks is quite unmistakable from the thinner, crisp Rome version or the American deep-pan pie.

Ambrosio, whose pride in the city's cuisine dates back to his time as a restaurant errand boy just after the war, is clearly contemptuous of the creative whims of inexperienced cooks.

"It gets served in completely the wrong way, with pickles, sausages, frankfurters, beans or carrots," he said, spitting the words out with indignation.

Ambrosio's disdain extends to fellow Italians copying the Naples recipe, especially in the North.

"They don't understand how to knead the dough. And then they put it in an electric oven and it loses its aroma," he complained.

"We've been eating pizza in Naples for more than a thousand years. There's even a legend that they ate it in Pompeii before the eruption," he said. "Fast food has nothing to do with that culture."

## Original

Esposito's original pizzeria is still here, on a narrow street near the waterfront brimming with fruit and fish stands, where his family still faithfully follows the old ways.

A slightly rotund, white-haired chef carefully stretches dough over a long-handled iron spatula in front of a wood stove made of earthenware bricks covered in blue and yellow tiles.

In the corner, sheltered from the noisy comings and goings of



Vincenzo Pagnani of Naples shows off an anniversary version of Pizza Margherita, the classic pizza which his great-uncle created for the queen of Italy, whose portrait is in the background of the picture.

fruit sellers, wine merchants and a boy bringing coffee from a bar, sits the current owner of the restaurant, Esposito's 57-year-old great-nephew Vincenzo Pagnani.

Pagnani tells with great relish, and just a touch of dramatic licence, the story of how in 1879 Queen Margherita decided on a whim to provide the royal palace in Naples with pizza, then an exclusively working-class dish topped simply with oil, dry cheese or anchovies.

Esposito was chosen because King Umberto I had once noticed a large queue outside his pizzeria.

After the dish was brought to her on a donkey-drawn cart, the queen asked: "What is this pizza called, my good man?"

Esposito replied: "Majesty, if it pleases you, Margherita, like yourself."

Pagnani explains: "In the palace there were many foreign nobles, so he made pizza known to almost the whole world. It became known as the poor man's lunch and the rich man's whim."

So what is the trick behind a classic Naples pizza? Pagnani lowers his voice and leans over as though divulging a great secret.

Everything

He said the dough is everything. It is made with water, flour and yeast, and then some dough from the previous day is added to it, which makes it rise better. It is then left in a cool cellar for 12 hours.

Once rolled out and covered in topping, the pizza should be baked in a scorching wood oven for just two minutes.

Somewhat to the embarrassment of Ambrosio, Pagnani is one of the few Naples pizza-makers not interested in the campaign because, in characteristic southern Italian fashion, he does not like the idea of too many rules.

He explained: "To make a good pizza, all you need is the will, a certain flair and a little imagination."

## Atlantic crossing by bottle

By Rosemary Laurent

AMSTERDAM, (Reuters): Fons Oerlemans has crossed the Atlantic on a raft, in a steam-boiler and in a truck. This summer he plans to make the voyage in a giant green beer bottle.

The 50-year-old Belgian engineer has spent the last three years designing and building a 12-metre (36-foot) long bottle-shaped hydrofoil which has a cruising speed of 40 knots.

In June, Oerlemans will sail his steel bottle the 3,000 miles from New York to England in a bid to set two world records — the first Atlantic crossing and the longest distance ever travelled by a hydrofoil.

He is also hoping to make the fastest Atlantic crossing by completing the journey in 80 hours, beating the record set in 1986 by British millionaire entrepreneur Richard Branson. Branson's powerboat made the trip in 80 hours, 31 minutes.

"But the most important thing for me is not the speed but being unconventional," Oerlemans said after the official launch of his winged bottle in Amsterdam's eastern docks.

Christened Spirit of Heineken after the Dutch brewer sponsoring the expedition, the 10-tonne vessel resembles the familiar green beer bottles sold world-wide, complete with a brand label and metal top.

Oerlemans originally planned to make his voyage three years ago but was delayed by financial problems.

After proudly watching his creation lowered into the water before a cheering crowd of fans and photographers he was confident nothing else could go wrong.

"We've already done tests across the harbour using a scale model and it works splendidly," a delighted Oerlemans said at the dockyard where he built his machine.



Revellers let their hair down during 'Sing Singapore', a street party organised by the government, which attracted 250,000 of Singapore's 2.6 million population. Until recently, such public displays were usually frowned upon.

## Singaporeans working very hard at having fun

By Reginald Chua

SINGAPORE, (Reuters): Singapore, once tagged one of the world's most boring countries, is trying hard to have fun.

Singing contests, arts festivals and disco dances are being promoted by a government determined to develop a "gracious, cultivated, and confident society."

Leaders of the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) have urged Singaporeans to find ways to make the country more fun. The party last January pledged increased support for cultural activities.

"We have got to find new ways of expressing ourselves and this is not only harmless, it may well do us good," said Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

Since the economist intelligence unit, a British-based research group, last year ranked the clean and efficient nation one of the most boring in the world, there has been much soul-searching about whether the dubious honour was merited.

Many feel that too much government organisation and control has stifled cultural development. Films are routinely censored and plays touching on "unsuitable" topics such as homosexuality have been banned.

Spontaneous activities such as break-dancing are frowned upon and songs and books are screened for offensive themes.

Fearful that graduate women are not having enough babies, the government has even taken a

**Singing contests, arts festivals and disco dances are being promoted by a government determined to develop a 'gracious, cultivated, confident society.'**

hand in romance, organising 'love boat' cruises and match-making services to help the better-educated meet and marry.

"The authorities must be prepared to let loose and take some risks if they want fun in Singapore," said disc jockey Leslie Pilly during a forum held earlier last year.

The Straits Times newspaper, reporting the proceedings, declared in a banner headline: "Let's have spontaneous fun — and here's how."

"It's all too organised for it to be any fun for me," local humourist Toh Paik Choo said of a carefully-planned display of community singing.

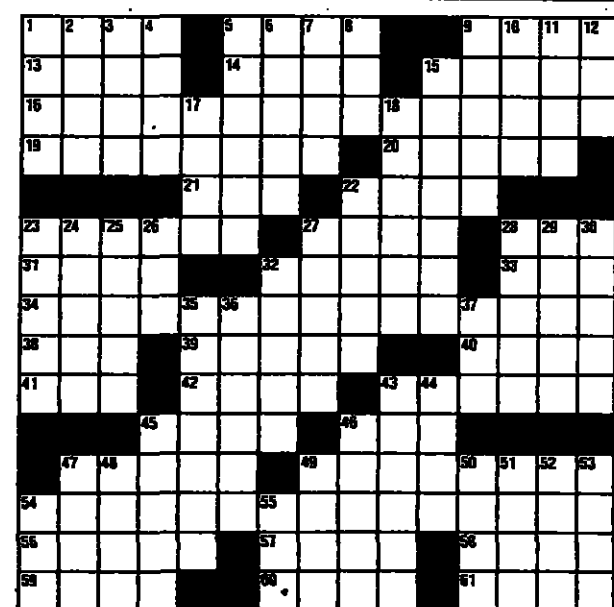
Vigorous campaigns aimed at altering people's behaviour are not new in Singapore. Said first Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong: "The people themselves must want to develop their own potential. The government cannot decree it. But it can facilitate the development process."

## Acknowledged

The government has acknowledged it must turn the country into a more pleasant place in which to live to discourage talented Singaporeans from seeking greener pastures.

While other governments are concerned with issues like national debt and illiteracy, our government is actually concerned with whether the people are enjoying themselves," said Tisa Ng, an official with the Ministry of Community Development.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Spooks with forked tongue
  - 5 Woody's son
  - 9 Eden exile
  - 14 Phone feature
  - 15 Black-eyed Susan
  - 16 Nursery rhyme duo, with "The"
  - 19 Marco Polo was one
  - 20 Digression
  - 21 DDE's opponent
  - 22 Fairy-tale opener
  - 23 Becomes adjusted
  - 27 Actors' org.
  - 28 Bishopric
  - 31 Nap
  - 32 Asparagus unit
  - 33 Roll of dough
  - 34 Pour
  - 38 — flash (suddenly)
  - 39 "The Tempest" role
  - 40 Writer Gardner
  - 41 Brown of renown
  - 42 Freeways: Abbr.
  - 43 "Water Music" composer
  - 45 Pub orders
  - 46 Real estate parcel
  - 47 Monsieur, in Barcelona
  - 48 Bank offering
  - 54 Hot times
  - 56 Exhort
  - 57 Poker stake
  - 58 Troubles
  - 59 A Truman
  - 60 Is profitable
  - 61 — egg
- DOWN**
- 1 Datum
  - 2 Construction beam
  - 3 Greek letter
  - 4 Eastern European
  - 5 Confuses
  - 6 Religious ceremonies
  - 7 "Oz" actor Bert
  - 8 Corrida cheer
  - 9 Maugham's Miss Thompson
  - 10 Captain —, the pirate
  - 11 Light or Man
  - 12 Coloring agent
  - 15 Throw away
  - 17 Shipshape
  - 18 Chinese betting game
  - 22 Ryan or Tatum
  - 23 Showery month
  - 24 A Keaton
  - 25 A.k.a.
  - 26 It's mightier than 28 Down
  - 27 Church projections
  - 28 See 26 Down
  - 29 Good golf score
  - 30 A Ford
  - 32 Barnyard enclosures
  - 35 Freight weight
  - 36 Passageway
  - 37 Quiet area
  - 43 Chargers or coursers
  - 44 Aleutian Island
  - 45 Llamas' milieu
  - 46 Towering
  - 47 Tender
  - 48 Goads, with "on"
  - 49 — Lisa
  - 50 DC agent
  - 51 Jacques' girlfriend
  - 52 Thickens
  - 53 Formerly, once
  - 54 Conifer
  - 55 Weaken gradually

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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AMIE EIDER AGRA  
TOSS DOORS ROSY

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
A LITTLE LEARNING

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

### NORTH

♠ A 5

♥ Q 5 3

♦ A J 10 6

♣ Q J 6 2

### WEST

♠ Q J

♥ A 9 7 4 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ 8 7 4

### EAST

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 8 6

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ 10 9 5 3

### SOUTH

♠ K 10 9 8 6 3

♥ K J 10

♦ K Q

♣ A K

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

Oh how right Alexander Pope was when he warned about the dangers of a little learning. Consider the North-South spade holding. If you cash the ace and West drops one of the missing honors, East is almost a 3-to-1 favorite to hold the other honor. This is governed by what is known as the Rule of Restricted Choice. Unfortunately, South knew all about that rule.

The bidding is not without interest. North's two no trump promised a balanced 13-15 points and South's

spade rebid guaranteed a six-card suit. When North raised to the spade game with his doubleton ace, South made the value jump to reach a slam that had little play because of the duplication in the minor suits—the same duplication that would have made six no trump laydown.

Against six spades West led the ace of hearts and continued with the suit. Declarer took his king and led a spade to the ace, fetching the jack from West. Applying the Rule of Restricted Choice, declarer next finessed and the slam went the way of all flesh in a hurry.

We have often warned about considering a suit combination in isolation. While the finesse might be the right play if you consider the spade suit alone, it was certainly wrong on this hand.

If West did indeed have a singleton honor, that would mean that East held four trumps. A finesse in itself would not be enough to pick up the trumps—declarer would need a trump coup as well. To accomplish that, he would have to reduce his trumps to the same length as East's. So he would need two entries to the dummy for ruffs, and one for the trump coup. There just weren't enough dummy entries, so declarer should have gone up with the king of spades in the hope of finding West with the Q-J bare.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b></p> <p>The prospects are good only you must not allow your mind to wander. Make sure you drive cautiously and courteously. Do not eat too many sweet or sour things. Be magnanimous.</p>	<p><b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b></p> <p>You should take an offer or proposal seriously but look out for hidden snags. Do not expect others always to be on your side. Avoid doing anything on the spur of the moment. Be truthful.</p>	<p><b>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</b></p> <p>You should have more faith in yourself. If things do not appear to be going well never mind, they will soon go better. Do not expect to have everything all your own way. Be adaptable.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</b></p> <p>You will be able to overcome a certain degree of gloom and despondency. Your friends will stand by you. You should ensure you get all the exercise needed to keep healthy. Be reasonable.</p>
<p><b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b></p> <p>There will be some improvement in your personal situation. You will be able to put to good use a skill you have learnt recently. Make sure you get all the rest you need. Be fair.</p>	<p><b>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</b></p> <p>If you want to pick up a bargain do not show yourself as too keen acquire it. You will be able to make good progress with a venture close to your heart. Do not allow an old prejudice to distort your judgment. Be sincere.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</b></p> <p>You should make sure you go all out to meet your commitments. A tendency to postpone matters will have to be kept in check. Do try to keep things as simple as possible. Be responsive.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</b></p> <p>You should do your best to keep calm when dealing with a difficult person. You should deliberate instead of doing the first thing that comes to mind. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Your lucky numbers are 37 and 1. Be courteous.</p>
<p><b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b></p> <p>You will be able to make good progress with a venture that is important to you. Do not place too much reliance on gadgetry. It is still a matter of brainpower. You will be able to settle a difference of opinion. Be cautious.</p>	<p><b>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</b></p> <p>No need to feel inferior to someone who is well known — you can stand up to him. A tendency to jump to conclusions should be combated. Think a little more kindly of someone you do not greatly like. Be reliable.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</b></p> <p>The prospects at work are good provided you work hard and consistently. You will have something to be pleased about. You should not allow your social life to take precedence over your private life. Be hopeful.</p>	<p><b>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</b></p> <p>Do not allow a secondary matter to become predominant. You will have to act fast — make sure you do not lose your head. Respect other people's opinion. Be prompt.</p>



## Zone Therapy for better health

## Acupuncture without needles

Zone Therapy, involves massaging key parts of the face, hands and feet which relate to various body organs and glands. Sufferers from multiple sclerosis, cancer, arthritis and diabetes are among its patients. The origins of Zone Therapy go back to ancient China and it has been practiced in America since the beginning of this century.

By Marina Shamoon

PRINCESS Diana and the Duchess of York's most trusted health and beauty guru is a ex-coal miner and one time opera singer with magic in his fingers. Joseph Corvo, a 57-year-old Yorkshireman started out working in a local pit when he was just 14. But today he practices what he calls Zone Therapy on the rich and famous. Clients include singer Carly Simon, Dynasty star Gordon Thomson, romantic novelist Barbara Cartland and car tycoon's widow Kathy Ford.

Zone Therapy, slightly like acupuncture without needles, involves massaging key parts of the face, hands and feet which relate to various body organs and glands. For example, firmly rubbing both sides of the jaw is claimed to increase the sex drive as well as bringing a healthy glow to the face and skin.

The benefits of the zone programme are two-fold. It not only helps the user look and feel good, but also helps victims of serious complaints fight back.

Sufferers from multiple sclerosis, cancer, arthritis and diabetes are among Corvo's clients.

Gravel-voiced Joseph explains: "By massaging key pressure points on the face, you stimulate the organs and glands to work more efficiently. Our bodies reach their peak by the age of 25. From then on, the trend is downwards.

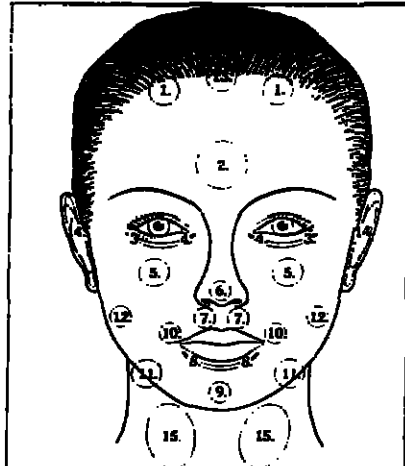
Optimum "Zone Therapy bring the organs and glands to optimum working condition. So those who suffer from something as serious as perhaps cancer, will get the best possible chance of survival.

"I use Zone Therapy to make every organ and gland in the body perform effectively. This enables the patient to stand up to debilitating chemotherapy and radiotherapy with fewer side effects.

"If they undergo such treatment, in a low state, their chances are reduced.

"I have treated lung cancer patients who went through drug and radiation treatments and were clear of the disease. But obviously they still have to have regular check-ups. Some of my clients have been women with cervical cancer. They have gone on to lead normal lives."

Joseph has successfully helped people with multiple sclerosis and diabetes. He told me: "A lady came to me after suffering chronic diabetes for 30 years. After two years of Zone Therapy, her specialist



Massaging 15 key pressure points on the face (see diagram) will have the following effect on various body functions.

1. Mental Stimulation: Improves your thinking power.
2. The pituitary gland: Stimulated, it steps up production of hormones needed to govern the reproductive system.
3. The colon: Stimulation keeps the colon in good working order to eliminate poisons from the digestive system.
4. Kidneys: Unhealthy kidneys allow toxins and acidity to build up in the blood.
5. Bowels: Sluggish bowels make the complexion puffy and dull.
6. Stomach: Indigestion is the least of a list of problems.
7. Spleen: A healthy spleen means a healthy stomach.
8. Thyroid: Insulin producer to burn off sugar.
9. Constipation: Correcting lazy intestines quickly brings life to the body and colour to the face.
10. Lungs: Breathing better provides the body with necessary oxygen and keeps away colds, bronchitis and asthma.
11. Sex life: Healthy sex glands mean balanced sexual response.
12. Liver and lymphatic system: Handles noxious substances and infection more efficiently.
13. Sympathetic nervous system: Co-ordinates bodily function by sending internal signals more efficiently.
14. Ears: Just massaging them tones up the entire body.
15. Thyroid gland: Sluggishness, bad circulation, excess weight, menstrual problems, poor memory and sensitivity to cold can all be symptoms of poor thyroid function.



Joseph Corvo put finger pressure on both sides of the chin on a client (left) and some of his clients: Princess Diana (top) Barbara Cartland (centre) and Gordon Thomson, star of Dynasty.

has now told her that there is no sign of her condition. She was normal. He could not understand it.

Another woman, developing multiple sclerosis, could not move an arm. But

after Zone Therapy, she is leading a normal life and runs her own business. "With diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, I can also improve the quality of life for the sufferers."

The origins of Zone Therapy go back to ancient China and it has been practised in America since the beginning of this century. Doctor William Fitzgerald, an eminent surgeon, concluded that there were electromagnetic aspects to the connections between the brain, the nervous and glandular systems and all the organs of the body.

Corvo maintains that the body has its own electromagnetic field and like a car that isn't serviced, some parts can deteriorate. "If nerve endings become blocked and choked by toxins in the body, the power flowing through the body is limited," he says. If there is a major collapse in any area which is irreparable — then you die. You must have your glandular and nervous systems working properly."

"Nerves become inefficient not only from cigarettes and alcohol. We also constantly breathe exhaust fumes in the atmosphere and eat foods which contain acids.

"Steak and liver contain uric acid. Dairy products have lactic acid. These are toxins which the body has to eliminate.

"If someone has consumed these foods over a period of time, their body begins to function less efficiently. For example, the liver, which purifies the blood, cannot do its job properly. The effect of impure blood is sagging skin and an ageing appearance.

Joseph is the best possible advertisement for his own regime. He follows it religiously. His diet is rich in fruit, vegetables and fish. But he does not stick to it rigidly. He believes in moderation.

His advice is not to eat proteins such as meat, nuts and dairy products at the same time as carbohydrates — bread, potatoes and food containing sugar. Because the body is 82 per cent proteins it digests proteins more quickly, so the carbohydrates will be stored.

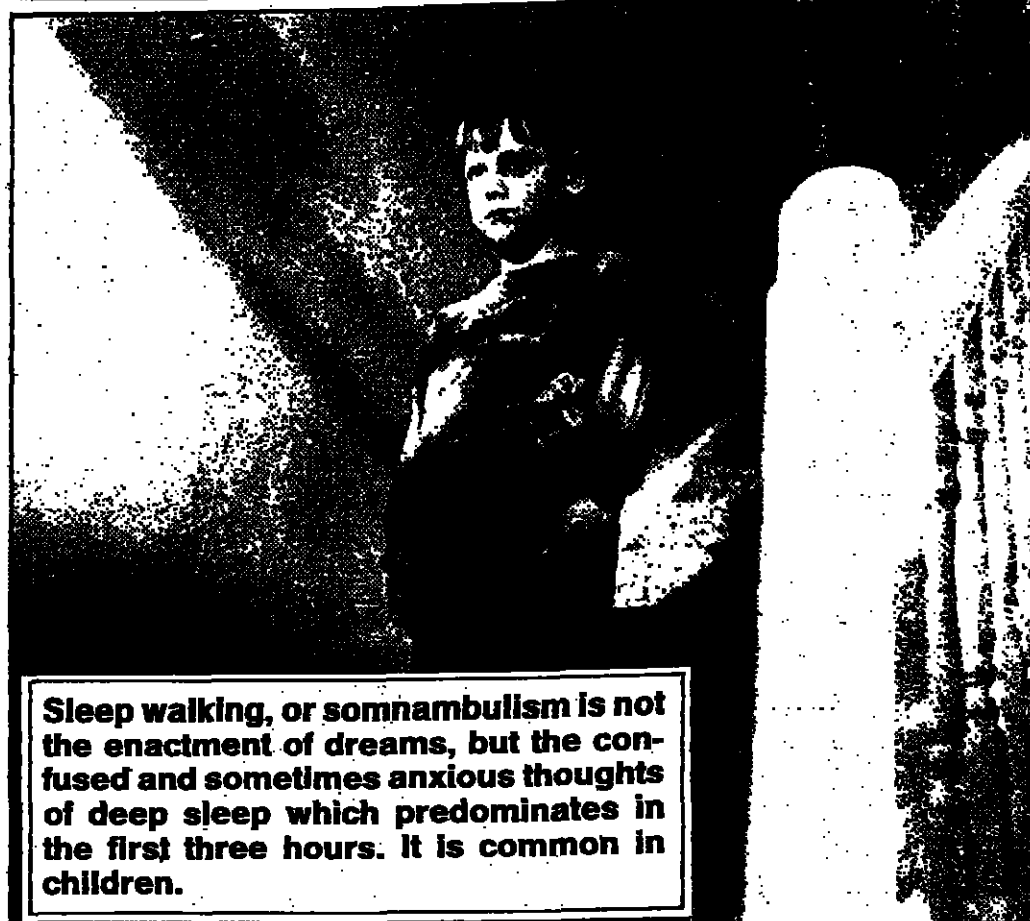
A devout Christian, Joseph declares there are six rules to a long, happy and healthy life: enthusiasm, moderation, serenity, optimism, an interest in people and in the future.

He says he has stuck to them himself since he left his native Yorkshire at the age of 16, where he had already spent two years in a coal mine to help the family income.

Joseph sang in miners clubs and his good voice won him a national singing competition. He went to Italy, studied and became a successful operatic tenor, earning his living in opera for some years.

But health always fascinated him and he discovered he had healing powers. Placing his hands on people's aching heads or backs seemed to make the pain disappear.

His growing interest in health and healing led Corvo to New York where he met German therapist Franz Heubach and studied Zone Therapy with him.



Sleep walking, or somnambulism is not the enactment of dreams, but the confused and sometimes anxious thoughts of deep sleep which predominates in the first three hours. It is common in children.

## Awake...but in another world

By Jim Horne

EVEN in the deepest of non-dreaming sleep, our thought processes continue.

Our ruminations are often dull, sometimes funny, maybe sad. But occasionally they get out of hand, or to be more precise, get out of bed and sleepwalk.

Sleepwalking, or somnambulism, is not the enactment of dreams, but the confused and sometimes anxious thoughts of deep sleep, which predominates in the first three hours.

Sleepwalking is common in children and seems to run in families. It peaks in adolescence, but declines in the late teens.

Episodes are usually triggered by anxiety. The worry can be trivial — the loss of a favourite toy, or just a frustrating day. Only when sleepwalking occurs almost every night is there likely to be more severe underlying causes requiring specific treatment.

Sleepwalkers are unresponsive to their environment. They are preoccupied with their own thoughts and, the next day, have no memory of their nocturnal activities. Episodes can last for up to 30 minutes, but usually average five to 15 minutes.

Although sleepwalkers behave like automatons, with vacant eyes and a limited repertoire of behaviour, they don't walk about with their hands in front of them.

The child will typically sit up quietly, get out of bed, and move about in a confused and clumsy manner.

Although behaviour becomes more co-ordinated, the sleepwalker tends to remain in the bedroom, often preoccupied with searching for something in drawers, cupboards, or under the bed.

It is almost impossible to attract his or her attention. But if left alone the child will normally go back to bed.

Avoid The sleepwalker's eyes are unseeing and it is usually dark. So how does the child avoid walking into things? Successful navigation is achieved mostly by memory. Ask the sleepwalker to repeat the act the next day, blindfolded, and he or she will come to grief.

Difficulties only occur if sleepwalkers think they are somewhere else, and walls, doors, and staircases are not where they should be. For this reason, some doors — but not the bedroom's — may need to be locked.

More adventurous activities such as dressing, going to the fridge for food, or walking outdoors can occur. The last is more common in the elderly, and may be associated with daytime confusion.

If behaviour is more complex, with the individual seemingly alert and organised, and able to get out the lawn mower, connect it up, and mow the lawn, for instance, or drive off in a car, then this is likely to be a state of dissociation. The individual is actually awake but in another world.

It is difficult and unwise to wake a sleepwalker, par-

ticularly a child. It may cause distress or even hysteria. It is best simply to guide them gently back to bed. Sleepwalking is seldom anything to worry about. The most important thing is to reassure parents. The child can sense parental anxiety, and become more anxious, and so be more likely to sleepwalk.

Another phenomenon of deep sleep, sometimes associated with sleepwalking, is the more frightening night terror (distinct from a nightmare). A sudden, horrifying sensation and a fleeting mental image shocks the sleeper into immediate wakefulness. Night terrors are more common in children than in adults.

Screams Usually, the child sits bolt upright and screams, staring wide-eyed at an imaginary being. The child is awake but confused, and may require an hour's consolation before settling down. But night terrors are rarely a matter for concern. One approach recommended by Dr Bryan Lask, at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street in the UK, is to "pre-empt" night terrors.

Over a week or so, their occurrence is timed (often round two hours into sleep). For the next few nights, the child is gently awakened about 15 minutes beforehand, and kept awake for five minutes before being allowed to return to sleep.

Night terrors in adults are more serious. There is an overwhelming sensation of doom, disaster, or death, often the re-experience of some genuinely terrifying event, such as a car crash, drowning, or being bombed. Night terrors were common in shell-shocked troops during World War I.

By Mark Trevelyan

LONDON. (Reuters): A mysterious, debilitating illness with no known cure is blighting the lives of thousands of sufferers in Britain and around the world, doctors say.

Victims of ME — myalgic encephalomyelitis or 'yuppie flu' — suffer chronic exhaustion and muscle pain which forces many to give up work and sacrifice years of their lives in the struggle to get better.

Routine chores turn into endurance tests. Sufferers become moody and irritable and have trouble concentrating, remembering things and finding the right word.

"I'll be talking and my mind sort of forgets what I was going to say," said 39-year-old Felice Corcoran, an ME sufferer for the past 4-1/2 years. "It's an effort at the moment to get dressed and choose something to wear. It's embarrassing — you feel such a wimp when you had a very active life before."

Helen Zographos, 23, has missed one year of her university studies and complains of constant flu-like symptoms, headaches and depression.

"It's frustration more than anything. I just never feel like working. I've been working on an essay nearly six weeks now, when usually I could have finished it in four to five days," she said.

Publicity Media publicity, particularly in countries like Britain, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, has generated public sympathy for ME sufferers who were previously branded malingerers or told the disease was "all in the mind."

Experts agree the illness is often triggered by an initial flu-like virus which normal people

## Yuppie flu blights lives for sufferers

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Yachtswoman Claire Francis, a victim of ME has done a lot to bring the disease into the public eye.

shrug off within a few days. But ME victims, often run down by stress and over-exertion, find their immune systems unable to shake off the bug.

Shattered self-confidence and depression go hand in hand with physical symptoms such as lethargy, aching limbs, swelling and soreness. Many sufferers are young, active individuals in challenging jobs — hence the 'yuppie flu' tag.

Dr Belinda Dawes, a former ME sufferer who now runs a specialist clinic in London, says her patients are usually high achievers who set themselves ambitious goals and find themselves struggling to reach them.

"It's certainly the mentality that drives that, says 'okay, if I can do better.' And it keeps driving, and when it gets flu it doesn't go to bed for a week, it goes to bed for 24 hours and then keeps

on pushing," she said.

Doctors say ME is not fatal, nor is it contagious. Most patients get better eventually — but sometimes only after years of being bed-ridden or experimenting with alternative cures such as homeopathy and acupuncture.

"When you've been tramped around for eight years, you're willing to try everything that has at least some basis in science...I got to the stage of thinking 'perhaps I'm making it up,' said 47-year-old Megan Linwood, a Dawes patient who is slowly returning to full fitness after being ill for 12 years.

"My arms would ache just brushing my hair or hanging up washing," she added. "The most lasting thing is the effect on the memory. Talking to you now, I feel I'm searching for words. I used to work out what to say on the telephone and work out the

expected answer in case I had to reply."

Experts say most ME sufferers are women — possibly because they are often less willing or able than men to rest completely when they fall ill.

More likely

"I think the housewife's more likely to collapse because she's got to get the kids to school, she's got to get the meals ready...she's got a serious case of 'got to's all day long' which means she can't stop," said Professor James Mowbray of St Mary's Hospital, London.

Mowbray estimates the number of ME sufferers in Britain at around 100,000 and says some people can have the disease as long as 30 years, though most recover within 12 months.

There is no anti-viral drug for ME, and doctors can do little more than recommend complete rest. Many sufferers look for help outside the state-run National Health Service and try expensive alternative methods.

At Dawes' smart London clinic, patients are treated for allergies, given vitamin C infusions, and take drugs to destroy candida, a yeast substance in the gut that may aggravate the bowel upset common in ME sufferers.

Treatment costs between £300 (£525) and £800 (£1,400) a year in Britain, and Australian-born Dawes claims 80 to 90 per cent of patients get better within a year to 13 months.

Mainstream doctors criticise her unconventional methods but agree with her that stress aggravates ME and the number of sufferers is likely to rise.

"There's a lot of it about," said Dr David Smith, medical adviser to the ME association which provides information on the illness and offers a support network for victims.

## Taking fat out of food

RESEARCHERS at the University of Missouri-Columbia are working on a method to remove fat and cholesterol from foods, focusing on a process currently being used to take caffeine out of coffee.

Food scientist Steve Mulvaney and research associate Roy Chao are refining the so-called "supercritical fluid extraction" method.

"Our preliminary results show the process is effective for removing fat and cholesterol from beef, and dairy products," said Mulvaney.

The process calls for heating carbon dioxide to about 160 degrees while putting it under 4,500 pounds of pressure to create a "powerful solvent," they said.

In one of their projects, Mulvaney and Chao are working with beef fat to improve the product for the fast food industry. Fat has a desirable flavour but contains saturated fat and cholesterol.

The £330,000 project, funded by the Cancer

## Genetic test for cervical cancer

A HIGHLY sensitive technique for diagnosing cervical cancer, which is likely to lead to more efficient screening for the disease, has been developed at Birmingham University in the UK.

The technique, based on the "genetic fingerprinting" principle, genetically amplifies the DNA of a virus, making it much easier to detect.

The new investigative method could lead to a vaccine against cervical cancer. The researchers hope that within five years it will help them to pinpoint the virus which causes it and the risk factors.

Once the technique is sufficiently developed, doctors hope it will be possible to detect early signs of cancer from cervical smear tests more accurately. But it is so sensitive that at present the most minor contamination by fragments of DNA is likely to produce a false positive.

The £330,000 project, funded by the Cancer

Research Campaign, is reported in the current British Medical Journal. Dicran Woodman, its director said it will follow 2,000 volunteers aged 15 to 19 attending the Brook Clinic in Birmingham who have no history of abnormal smear tests.

By comparing normal smears with any abnormalities in later smears taken every six months, doctors hope to pinpoint the causes of a disease which kills 2,000 women a year.

In a study of about 40 women, the researchers found that the wart virus — thought to be linked to cervical cancer was present in seven out of 10. Previous small studies have also cast doubt on this link.

With the much larger sample the researchers can also seek links between cervical cancer and the herpes and glandular fever viruses. One theory is that common viruses that are present in large numbers of women may cause the cancer if combined with other risk factors, such as smoking.



FAMILY DOCTOR  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## DOCTORS HAVE MANY REASONS FOR ORDERING BLOOD TESTS

QUESTION: I know that blood tests are important to help doctors make diagnoses. But it's hard to understand why there are always new tests to take or old tests to repeat. Each test costs more than I make in an hour, and I need some answers about their value. Please explain.

ANSWER: There are several good reasons for a doctor to take blood samples for testing, even when they seem to come too frequently.

In the initial stages of evaluation, when the diagnosis is still uncertain, several tests may be required before one shows any evidence of a disease. When results are normal, a test is classified as "negative." While a negative test may be good news, it doesn't help too much in establishing just what is wrong.

There are many diagnostic blood tests available today, and it would be foolish to test for everything at once, so most physicians proceed in a manner that will provide the quickest answers at the least cost to the patient. They test first for the most probable cause, and then proceed to other

lesser-known diseases than can provoke your symptoms and complaints.

Once a diagnosis is made, treatment can follow. The results of the treatment can be tracked by testing the blood regularly. This is particularly important in diseases such as diabetes, anaemia and kidney ailments.

I don't know the reason for each test in your case, but it's most important that you find out the purpose for these examinations from your physician. Become better informed about your condition, its causes and its treatment and satisfy yourself that the tests are truly needed. You may then learn that your money was well spent.

QUESTION: Can you explain what would cause a person to develop little yellow bumps around their eyes? They don't seem to bother anything, but what can be done to prevent them from growing?

ANSWER: Physicians call these yellow-coloured lesions xanthelasma. They are usually raised slightly above the skin surface and can occur on either the upper or lower eyelid usually near the inner corner. They

occur in individuals who suffer from elevated blood cholesterol, particularly in an inherited disorder called "familial hypercholesterolemia" although they can occur in any individual with elevated cholesterol.

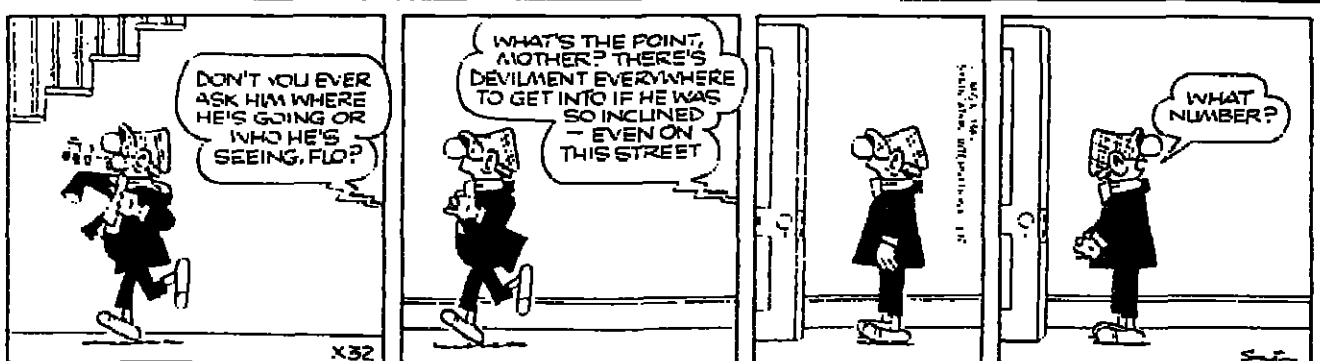
In the familial disease, the serum cholesterol may be elevated to two or three times normal and requires aggressive treatment. Their growth can be halted by lowering serum cholesterol, which means strict avoidance of foods containing cholesterol and saturated fatty acids. These include meat, especially organ meats, and obvious fats, milk, cream, butter, eggs, lard and other saturated cooking fats.

As you correctly stated, the lesions don't bother anything, but remember that similar plaques are developing on the lining of the patient's arteries, causing a condition called arterosclerosis. With attention to diet and the lowering of serum cholesterol levels, the plaques on the eyes will stop growing and the more important ones located within arteries also may become smaller.

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By Smith





## INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

## All values go up in smoke

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

A MILD mannered New Yorker moves to crime after personal tragedy in *Death Wish*, described by critics as a gripping tale of one man's revenge. Charles Bronson played the lead. Indian actor Aditya Pancholi, a model-turned actor, yet, he does a similar role brilliantly in *Kahan Hai Kanoon*, a blatant reshaped copy of *Death Wish* — without so much as acknowledging the source.

Director Deepak Balraj Vij takes credit for the "story idea"

and Vinod Rattan writes the screenplay. The Indian version is gripping too; and rightly rated "A" for violence by the Bombay censors. All your values go up in smoke with two devastating scenes in *Kahan Hai Kanoon*. Viewers with a weak heart and the young shouldn't be allowed to watch.

*Kahan Hai Kanoon* starts off when the newly weds Vishal and Jyoti (Kimi Katkar) arrive in Bombay from a small town. It is not long before Vishal's life becomes a nightmare after his wife is brutally murdered.

Rattan has tackled the menace of drugs, low morals and

the degeneration of youth in urban India without glossing over the sleaze and depravity that comes with it. And this hits you with savagery in each frame.

Forceful violence bursts into action, making you queasy because of the sharp focus on brutality. Perhaps, Vij intended to hurt your sense of right and wrong; and he succeeds in such a way that you want to switch off the video. But you don't. You see who's next on Vishal's killing agenda.

The other characters in the movie fit like a glove in the narrative, leading to a tragic end. Dharmatma (Sadashiv Amrapurkar), the underworld kingpin who claims he "smells the aroma of crime," faces an emotional conflict but lives up to his principles.

The police inspector, caught in a vicious bureaucratic web, "looks up" to his superiors before he touches a criminal. "They (superiors) tell me to leave him, you (complainant) ask me to catch them. I am tired of playing a game of hide and seek with the law," says the inspector, played superbly by Shakti Kapoor.

The girls — Kimi and Mandakani — are the cog in the wheel, without whom Vishal's vendetta wouldn't have begun.

## Farz ki Jung

While an eager beaver wants to wipe out crime, a seedy philanthropist trades defence secrets with foreign "enemy agents" in *Farz ki Jung*. Director R.P. Swami gives each character his or her own due, good or bad, to get things going. Some might like the sudden twists in the tale of good vs bad, and may even applaud the redeeming factor in the film. However, the Jung (fight) has gone on too long on celluloid to claim novelty.

The moment we see Amrish Puri performing "poja" on his wedding anniversary and handing out thousands of rupees to



Jeetendra

"orphans, widows and destitutes," we know he is up to something. And Puri is always on the wrong side of the law.

The law is projected in the form of Shashi Kapoor, Inspector Vikram whose stories precede him before a new posting. Puri acts swiftly to remove Vikram from the scene. That he succeeds is an unavoidable contrived feature of such movies.

Govinda can't ignore his obligations and Neelam, after a whirlwind romance unsuccessfully tries to wriggle out of it. As is customary in moves about vendettas, all is well that ends well, but certain twists in the tale coax you to watch the warring parties fight for their inalienable rights.

## Aasman se Ooncha

Nusrat Bhatti has written *Aasman se Ooncha* (Higher than the Sky). One has real difficulty deciding what is sky high: the writer's ambition or the infallible man's values. We spy a rebellion in the theme, a welcome revolt against the cliched portrayal of women in Indian films. In this movie, the

woman (Anita Raj) is fallible and as such, she can claim human frailties, though not without a tinge of guilt. It is this one point that redeems this movie from the otherwise beaten formula track.

At first glance, "Aasman ..." appears to be a gang war movie, set on the model of the 1960s Mafia thrillers. Jeetendra and Sadashiv Amrapurkar play the two gang bosses pitched in a battle of wits to gain a point. They dress and act like Hollywood gangsters for most part of the movie. Therefore, the unexpected switch to a social subplot comes as a big surprise. By that time, you are so wrapped up in the vendetta that you can easily miss the point. Raj Babbar's presence is meant to be a reminder. Just as suddenly, it becomes a patriotic movie, flying the colours for all the policemen who lay down their lives in the name of the law.

The above movies are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya, and Falcon Video, Abbasia.



Above: two performers during rehearsals

## A play for Keralites

A MALAYALAM drama entitled *Karutha Pournami* will be performed by Gayathri Arts on Friday, April 7, at the Indian Arts Circle in Funaites.

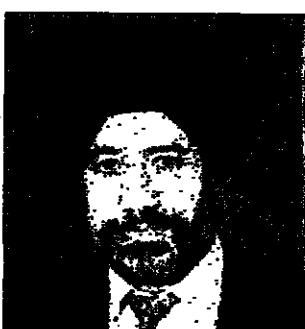
The play, written by Chandra Mohan, tells the story of a criminal lawyer and his close encounter with the law. The play asks lots of questions to unravel the mystery. The artists starring in the drama are Gopi, Nandan, Rajan, Ram, Appukuttan, Aravi, Nandanunni, Nirmala, Mariamma Issac, Ajita R. Nair and Sindhu Appukuttan. It has been directed by Nandan Irinjilakuda.

The group will provide transport from Abbasia (opposite Arabic School) and Farwaniya (Holiday Inn Hotel) for people who wish to attend. For details phone 5643126.



Raj Babbar

## India seeks tourists at travel expo



A.S. Sawhney

THE India Tourist Office has made an impressive appearance at the Travel and Tourism Exhibition '89 in Kuwait and has drawn large crowds.

An attractive display of posters and photographs showing the historic monuments and scenic beauty of India greet visitors to the India Tourist Office stand at the travel exhibition. Literature on travel in India is also being offered.

A.S. Sawhney, assistant director, India Tourist Office, said he is confident that more and more Arabs will choose India as a tourist destination. "India has so much to offer that tourists of all ages can enjoy a vacation," he said.

He said the government of India is trying to provide several facilities to tourists and has improved the infrastructure; there are now more hotels, tourist bungalows and lodges.



● The Overseas Indian Cultural Congress recently held a reception for Mrs. Rachel Sunny Panavelli, a former member of Kerala state assembly and an executive member of the Kerala Congress, at the Indian Embassy Hall. Mrs. Rachel was visiting Kuwait. OICC president Varghese Mathew president and general secretary John Manduran welcomed guests. Mrs. K. Daniel, Rajan Daniel and Stephen Joseph also addressed the large gathering. Above: (L-R) Manduran, Mathew, Mrs. Rachel, Sudha Ramchand.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Sultan Gallery

UNTIL April 7: Paintings by Shaker Hussain are on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soor St., daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm.

## Modern Soviet Art

UNTIL April 6: Modern Soviet art is on show at the Kuwait National Museum. Organised by the Soviet embassy in co-operation with the museum. Open during museum hours.

## Free Atelier Studio

UNTIL April 8: A Jordanian art exhibition is open at the Free Atelier Studio, Gulf St., daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm. The show has been organised by the Jordanian embassy in co-operation with

the National Council for Culture Arts and Letters.

## Ghadir Gallery

UNTIL April 13: Yemeni artist Abdullah Al Amin will show his latest paintings at the Ghadir Gallery, Salihiya Complex. The exhibition will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 8.30 pm.

## Formative Arts Show

UNTIL April 5: A formative arts show is being held at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery. More than 80 painting by Arab and Gulf artists are on display. Open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

## THEATRE

## Malayalam Drama

APRIL 7: Gayathri Arts will present their first Malayalam drama "Karutha Pournami" at Indian Arts Circle. Written by Chandra Mohan and directed by Nandan Irinjilakuda. For entry passes call 5643126.

## SOCIAL

## KAPILKU Night

APRIL 7: 6.30 pm. Holiday Inn Hotel. Sing-alike contest and Bagong Kampeon for Filipinos. Call Sarah — 4843447; or Rod Corezo — 2433595.

## St Georges Day

APRIL 20: KLT celebrate St Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmedi. Entertainment and refreshments. To join them, call 3983724; 3985964.

## HOTELS

## At the Kuwait Plaza

AL DALLAH Coffee Shop: Breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch.

Marco Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music by the Duonova band.

Lolouwah Corner: Open from 4 to 10 pm, offering snacks and refreshments.

## At Messilah Beach

MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: Open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

## At the Continental

GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Dabbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

## At the Holiday Inn

Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper Club on Thursday nights. Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

## SPORTS

## Raft Race

APRIL 4: 6.30 pm. A Captains' meeting will be held for

Messilah Beach Hotel's third raft race. For details call the hotel, ext. 751.

## L &amp; M Open Team

bowling tournament APRIL 6: 6.30 to 9.30 pm and thereafter every Wednesday and Thursday the open-team bowling tournament will be held at Holiday Inn Hotel; organised by KAPILKU.

## Laser Sailing

APRIL 7: Messilah Beach Laser Club start their Mad Hatters Ramadan series. First briefing: 10 am. All laser sailors welcome. For details call David Clark (W) 4845171; (H) 2425947; Philip Shepherd (W) 4841513; (H) 5314957.

## Casuals Cricket Club

MAY 18: 8 pm. Messilah Beach Hotel: annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music. For reservations or details call Simon Clements — 533-3248; or Val Tudball — 532-7159.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoon Serial  
10.00 Al Mubaraqat: Arabic serial; featuring Mahmoud Saud, Ahmad Mazhar, Safiya Al Omari, Ahmad Maher  
11.00 Bain Narein: Arabic serial, starring: Abdul Rahman Al Agel, Abdul Aziz Al Nimish, Tayebba Faraj, Jassem Nabhan  
12.00 Min Turaath Al Khaleej

1.00 News Summary  
1.05 World News via Satellite/Closedown

## EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
4.45 Hikayat Alamiya: cartoon serial  
5.15 Mama Anisa and Children  
6.00 Islam Wal Insaan: daily religious serial  
6.30 Songs and Music  
7.00 News Summary  
7.30 Cultural Film  
8.30 Good Evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Muhamiya: Arabic serial, featuring Firdous Abdul Hamid, Nabil Nur Al Din, Ahsan Qalawi, Ahmad Khawis, Zizi Mustafa  
10.50 Fan wa Fikr: Art and Philosophy  
11.50 News Summary  
11.55 World News via Satellite



Alain Delon stars in tonight's French movie, 10.30 pm, KTV2.

12.20 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV2

4.30 Opening and Holy Quran  
4.35 Cartoons  
4.55 Handball — Kuwait vs Korea  
6.30 Just the Ten of Us: "First Day."  
7.00 Roving Report: news review  
7.33 Perspective: "Sporting Science." A look at the agility and flexibility of the human body  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 A Different World: Dennis and Duane think about it but Gogo goes ahead and gets a scholar-

ship. Comedy. Starring: Lisa Bonet, Dawn Lewis, Marisa Tomei

9.10 Survival: "Galapagos: The Ocean Travellers." A look at immigrant birds.

10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "The Survival of the Fittest." Thriller.

10.30 French feature film: "Leveue Couderc." Starring: Alain Delon, Pierre Collet, Raymond Banon

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/ Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

0000 Newstalk  
30 In Praise of God  
0100 News Summary followed by Time Will Tell  
45 Chopin Collection  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Andy Kershaw's World of Music  
30 Science in Action  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Food and Drink  
30 Anything Goes  
0400 Newstalk  
30 Dangerous in Love  
45 Nature Now  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Waveguide  
45 Words of Faith  
45 Recording of the Week  
0600 Newstalk  
30 Leaders and Leadership  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Russia - The Drive to Empire  
0800 World News  
09 Words of Faith  
15 Dangerous in Love  
30 Anything Goes  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Food and Drink  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup

45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music  
1000 News Summary followed by Leaders and Leadership  
30 The Vintage Chart Show  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Tech Talk  
30 The Ken Bruce Show  
1200 Newstalk  
15 My Music  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Russia - The Drive to Empire  
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News  
45 The Girl in His Past (ex 3rd The Picture of Dorian Gray)  
1500 Newstalk  
15 3rd and the 10th Time Will Tell: 17th Who was Hitler? (24th Opera of the Week)  
1600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Dangerous in Love  
30 Tech Talk  
45 The World Today  
1700 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Screenplay  
45 Sports Roundup  
1800 Newstalk  
30 Multitrack 1: Top 20  
1900 News Summary followed by Outlook  
25 Financial News  
30 Network UK  
45 Short Story  
2000 World News  
09 The World Today  
25 Words of Faith

30 The Vintage Chart Show  
2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup  
15 Europe's World  
30 Sports International  
2200 Newstalk

## FM Services

0600 Opening/Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News on FM Service  
1340 Easy Listening  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Latin American  
1800 Pops  
1900 Helter Skelter  
2000 Pops  
2130 News  
2145 Pops  
2200 Jazz  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Listening  
0200 Closedown

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shurwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

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Hassan Jarallah Bldg, Ibn Khaldoon St.  
Fahsheel and Ahmadi  
Abu Hlaifa Pharmacy  
Coastal Road  
Jleeb Al Shiyokh  
Al Razi Pharmacy  
Block 17, Bldg No. 14  
Jahra  
Al Najah Pharmacy  
Area No. 4, Block 38  
Salmiya and Khamatniya  
Al Raed Pharmacy  
Amman St.

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Florida Straits  
Starring: Raul Julia, Farid Ward  
Al Salmiya  
Inner Space  
Starring: Dennis Quaid  
Al Hamra  
El'Al Ami (Arabic)  
Starring: Ilham Shahin, Mohsin Mohiuddin  
Drive-In  
Amber Al Maut (Arabic)  
Starring: Noor Al Shareef, Afaf Shuaib  
Al Firdous  
Suraj (Hindi)  
Starring: Rajendra Kumar, Vijayantimala  
Grande  
Jackie and Bruce to the rescue

Fahsheel Open-air  
Mere Jeevan Saathi (Hindi)  
Al Fahsheel  
Dragon Bruce Lee II  
Al Jahra  
Five Deadly Angels  
Salaikhbat  
Breaking and Entering  
Al Jleeb  
Baaper Beta  
Ahmadi Drive-in  
Urban Warriors

## PRAYERS

Fajr 4.14 am  
Zuhr 11.51  
Asr 3.23 pm  
Maghreb 6.09  
Isha 7.26



● The wives of diplomats from 20 embassies are taking part in a bazaar organised by Nadi Al Fatah (Women's Club). Handicrafts from several Asian and Arab countries are on show. Above: Mrs K.M. Shehabuddin (third left), wife of the ambassador of Bangladesh, and Mrs Mohsin Ali (right) seen at the Bangladesh stall with members of the club. The charity bazaar is open today from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 - 8 pm.



# MARKET PLACE

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## Ngugi wins Italian cross country race

VIGEVANO, Italy, April 2. (AP) World cross country champion John Ngugi of Kenya won the eight-kilometre "Golden Shoe" race yesterday, setting a course-record 23 minutes and 18 seconds on the cobbled streets of this city near Milan.

Ngugi, who had won his fourth world title in Stavanger, Norway, two weeks ago, took the lead after the first of a seven-lap city course and gradually increased his advantage.

Ngugi finished ahead of Brazilian Artur Castro and Italian Gennaro di Napoli, who placed second and third respectively. Another Brazilian, Diamantino Silveira, was fourth.

The 27-year-old Kenyan, an Olympic champion in the 5,000-metre race last year, was 24 seconds faster than the original race record set by Italy's Alberto Cova in 1986.

Castro was seven behind the winner. Di Napoli and Diamantino lagged 31 and 33 seconds respectively behind Ngugi.

It was the second consecutive Italian victory for the Kenyan ace following the five miles cross country race in San Vittore Olona last Saturday.

Diamantino, a marathon specialist, said he has no chances over a short distance.

"It was a good warmup for the next engagements," Diamantino said.

The Brazilian runner will compete in the Stramilano on April 8 and in the world marathon cup on April 16. Both races are scheduled in Milan.

## Bordin plans to give up running

ROME, April 2. (Reuters) Italy's Olympic marathon gold medalist Gelindo Bordin said yesterday he was planning to give up competitive running to devote more time to promoting sport.

Bordin, who celebrates his 30th birthday today, said in a television interview that he made a promise to himself to campaign in favour of sport if he won the marathon at last summer's Seoul Olympics.

"I did so and now I am trying to keep my promise to myself. But I can see that I can't reconcile this activity with competitive sport and therefore I really think I will abandon races," he said.

Bordin did not say when he intended to retire.

## New York Rangers fire coach

NEW YORK, April 2. (Reuters) New York Rangers general manager Phil Esposito fired coach Michael Bergeron yesterday and took over coaching duties himself just four days before the National Hockey League (NHL) playoffs begin.

The shock move to dismiss the fiery French-Canadian coach came as the Rangers were mired in a late-season slump — having lost 10 of their last 13 games after leading the NHL's Patrick Division for most of the 80-game season.

No official reason was given for Bergeron's firing, but the two men have had an often stormy relationship.

### Deal

Bergeron, 42, joined the Rangers two years ago from the Quebec Nordiques, in a unique deal in which Esposito gave the Nordiques New York's 1988 first-round draft pick. Bergeron was the Rangers' seventh coach this decade.

His coaching record last year was 36-34-10 while this season the Rangers were 37-33-8 with two games remaining in the regular season. They will likely face the Pittsburgh Penguins in the first round of the NHL playoffs.

## Harvard wins NCAA crown

ST PAUL, Minn., April 2. (Reuters) Eddie Kravner scored a sudden-death overtime goal to give Harvard the US Collegiate Ice Hockey Championship with a 4-3 victory over the University of Minnesota last night.

The crimson forward put the puck past Minnesota goaltender Robb Stauber four minutes and 15 seconds into the first overtime period to give the prestigious Ivy League University the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) title and its first-ever national championship in any sport.

Minnesota's Golden Gophers had taken a 1-0 lead in the first period. Harvard scored twice in the second before the home town team levelled the game on a power play goal.

Both teams scored late in the third period to push the game into extra time.



Sabatini beats Evert

## Muster undergoes surgery

KEY BISCAVNE, Florida, April 2. (Reuters) Austrian tennis player Thomas Muster underwent surgery on his left knee yesterday, following a freak car accident that forced him out of today's tournament final and could keep him out of tennis for six to nine months, his surgeon said.

Muster, 21, who had defeated Frenchman Yannick Noah in the semifinals of the Lipton International Player's Championship on Friday, was going to a Miami restaurant for dinner when the accident occurred.

The Austrian was removing his tennis kit from the boot of a car when another car hit his head-on. Muster was pushed under the tournament car and almost pinned beneath the wheels.

Miami city police declined to comment on the case and refused to say if the driver of the other car, who was in hospital with injuries, would be charged in the accident.

Dr Charles Virgin, former doctor to the Miami Dolphins football team, who performed yesterday's surgery on Muster, said the injury to his left knee

involved the tearing of his medial collateral ligament and the interior cruciate ligament.

"The procedure was not a reparative one," said Virgin, "but one to confirm the extent of the injury. He has extensive road rash (grazing) and those were areas where incisions would have to be made for repair."

"Because of the potential of infection it is better to delay the repair procedure till the skin has healed," the doctor said.

### Return

Muster was in a cast, but resting comfortably. He will be walking on crutches for a few days and he will return to Austria for reconstructive surgery possibly in a week.

Virgin said this was a "fairly severe" injury for a tennis player because of the pivot stop-start nature of the sport. However, Virgin felt that because Muster was such a young, fit, athlete, he expected him to make a recovery and return to play.

"My best guess is that he will return in six to nine months," said Virgin. "Thomas' return is not a slim chance, I guess my best word is that it is a reasonable one that he will be back with full recovery."

Meanwhile, Ivan Lendl, who would have played Muster in today's final here, was to play Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek in a three-set charity exhibition match instead.

Earlier, in Vienna, Austrian number two Horst Skoff said the injury to Muster had destroyed any chance of their country progressing in the Davis Cup.

Austria, who trounced Australia 5-0 in the world group first round, will meet Sweden in the second round in Vienna from April 7 to 9.

"First the odds were 60-40 for us. Now they are 90-10 against us," Skoff told Austrian newsmen.

He, Alexander Antonitsch and Stefan Lochbihler are to play in the match. Coach Jan Kukal told newsmen that either Thomas Buchmayr or Oliver Fuchs, both inexperienced, would be brought in to replace Muster.

"We simply have not got a fourth full-fledged man for the Davis Cup. And that is why Austria, despite its successes, is still not a real tennis power," Kukal said.

## Michigan to face Seton Hall in NCAA final

SEATTLE, April 2. (Reuters) Sean Higgins turned an offensive rebound into a winning basket with one second left in the game to lift Michigan to a 83-81 victory over Illinois in the semifinals of the US Collegiate Basketball Championship tournament yesterday.

The Michigan Wolverines will face the Seton Hall Pirates in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship game tomorrow night. Both schools will be going for their first national title.

In the previous semifinal, Seton Hall erased an 18-point deficit to defeat the Duke Blue Devils 95-78. The Pirates were paced by the long-distance shooting of Australian Olympian Andrew Gaze, who had 20 points — 16 in the second half.

Illinois, appearing in the final four for the first time since 1952, had beaten Michigan twice during the regular season. But Michigan, which led 39-38 at halftime, won the tight see-saw battle in which the lead changed hands 31 times by controlling the offensive rebounding.

A basket by Kenny Battle ena-

bled Illinois to level the score 81-81 — the sixth tie of the game — with 28 seconds left. Michigan then moved the ball down court where Terry Mills missed a long jump shot from the right side. But Higgins grabbed the rebound and put Michigan ahead for good with one second remaining on the clock.

Glenn Rice paced the Michigan attack with 28 points and Loy Vaughn pulled down a career-high 16 rebounds for the Wolverines. Battle led Illinois with 29 points.

### Lead

Duke took an early 28-6 lead against Seton Hall behind the offensive firepower of their all-American star Danny Ferry, who finished his college career with a game-high 34 points.

Seton Hall then began hitting their shots and played tenacious defence to cut Duke's lead to 38-33 at the half.

Duke, crippled by foul trouble and a thigh injury to trailing forward Robert Bricket, could not keep up with the Pirates in the second half as Seton Hall controlled the game from both ends of the court.

## Portland move ahead

NEW YORK, April 2. (AP) Clyde Drexler's three-point play with 1:13 left in overtime put Portland ahead for good and the Trail Blazers held on to defeat the Charlotte Hornets 125-121 in National Basketball Association action last night.

Drexler's two free throws with six seconds remaining made the score 122-119 and sealed the victory for the Blazers, who broke a six-game losing streak and moved one game ahead of the Dallas Mavericks in the race for the eighth and final playoff berth in the NBA's Western Conference.

### Setback

Drexler scored 36 points. Kevin Duckworth added 30 and Jerome Kersey 21 for Portland. Charlotte suffered its fifth consecutive setback despite Kelly Tripucka's 38 and 23 by Robert Reid, whose 3-point shot with 20 seconds remaining in regulation sent the game into overtime and completed the Hornets' comeback from a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit.

Alex English, who earlier in the game became the seventh leading scorer in NBA history, scored six of Denver's first seven points in overtime and sparked the Nuggets to a 114-108 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

## World champion Kasparov beaten

BARCELONA, Spain, April 2. (AP) Reigning world champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union was beaten by his countryman Artur Yusupov in the third round of the three-week world chess cup played here yesterday.

Johan Kjarstorn of Iceland, who drew with Predrag Nikolic of Yugoslavia, shared the top place of the standings with Yusupov with 2.5 points each.

Other results were:

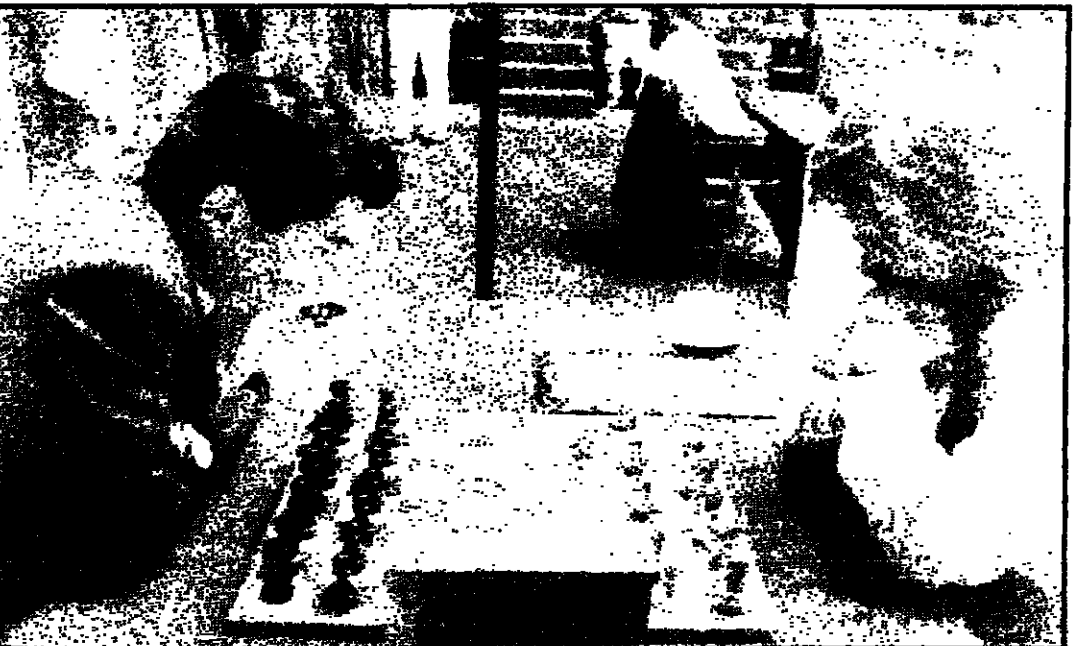
**Nigel Short**, England, defeated Rafael Vaganian, Soviet Union, and Alexander Beliavsky, Soviet Union also defeated Jonathan Speelman, England.

### Draw

Four matches were drawn. They were Yasser Seirawan, United States, and Miguel Illescas, Spain, Viktor Korchnoi, Switzerland, and Boris Spassky, France, Robert Hubner, West Germany, and Jesus Nogueiras, Cuba, and Ljubomir Ljubojevic, Yugoslavia, and Valery Salov, Soviet Union.

Zoltan Ribli of Hungary did not play in this round.

Hjartarson and Yusupov shared top place with 2.5 points each, followed by Hubner and Seirawan two each, Beliavsky, Korchnoi, Ljubojevic, Short and Spassky 1.5 each, Ribli, Illescas and Vaganian one each, Kasparov, Nogueiras, Salov, Nikolic 0.5 each, and Speelman nil.



World chess champion Garry Kasparov (right) and Artur Yusupov during the third round of the World Chess Cup in Barcelona. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Lendl declared champion

## Sabatini beats Evert to retain ranking

KEY BISCAVNE, Fla., April 2. (Reuters) Top seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina chalked up her 10th singles title and retained her world number three ranking in the process yesterday.

The 18-year-old Argentine won the \$2.1 million International Players Championship title with a 6-2 4-6 6-2 victory over second-seeded Chris Evert.

Evert, who surrendered her number three ranking to Sabatini five weeks ago, could have regained it with a victory yesterday. Instead she remained fourth in the world and collected \$60,000 as runner-up.

Sabatini earned \$100,000 for her first victory in an event with a

128-player draw.

Earlier men's top seed Ivan Lendl was declared singles champion by default. His final round opponent, Thomas Muster of Austria, was injured in an automobile accident following a five set victory over Yannick Noah on Friday night.

Doctors said Muster, who was to play in the Davis Cup against Sweden next weekend, could be out of action for six to nine months.

### Dominated

Sabatini easily dominated an error-prone Evert in the first set as she broke the American three times while dropping serve once. Evert struggled with blustery

winds that better suited Sabatini's heavy topspin and stronger serve.

The Argentine kept the ball deep as she moved Evert around with heavy topspin and cross-court angles. The tactic appeared to work as Evert often hit long or netted forehands.

The 34-year-old Evert, who has not missed a final in the five-year history of this tournament, battled back to take the second set on a pair of service breaks.

Evert levelled the match on a dramatic forehand passing shot hit on the run, which brought a capacity crowd of 10,500 to its feet in appreciation.

Evert was unable to maintain

the momentum, however, and came out flat in the third set. She lost her serve in the opening game and fell behind 0-3 on a second break.

"I think the important game was the first of the third set. Since I won that game, everything was more easy," Sabatini said.

Sabatini played a careless fourth game and lost her serve, but broke Evert again three games later to lead 5-2. She closed out the match with an ace on her first match point.

"In the second set I went for my shots more," said Evert. "In the third set she used the wind a little bit better and that topspin is more effective in the wind."



Khaled Hassan Rashed, the winner of NBK Open Tennis Tournament, receives a cup from Sheikh Jaber Abdullah Al Jaber, the governor of Kuwait City.

## Lendl unlikely for Davis Cup tie

## Mecir to undergo fitness test

PRAGUE, April 2. (Reuters) Miloslav Mecir is still doubtful for the Davis Cup quarterfinal tie against holders West Germany in Prague this week and will undergo a fitness test tomorrow, a Czechoslovak team official said today.

But the official virtually ruled out the possibility that Mecir would be replaced by world number one Ivan Lendl, still a Czechoslovak citizen.

"Rumours of Lendl being called in are pure speculation," he said.

### Row

Lendl has not played Davis Cup for Czechoslovakia since 1985 when he had a row with his tennis federation. He lives permanently in Connecticut and has applied for US citizenship.

Mecir, 1988 Olympic champion and winner of the Indian Wells event in California last month, had to pull out of the two-week International Players Championship in Key Biscayne because of a recurring back injury.

He has been having treatment in Prague and has said he would play only if he were 100 per cent fit.

The West German team, headed by former Wimbledon champion Boris Becker and including Carl-Uwe Steeb, Eric Jelen and Patrick Kuennen, arrived in Prague today.

Non-playing captain Nikki Pilic told newsmen at Prague airport that Becker had taken a five-day vacation after losing badly to American Jay Berger at Indian Wells and had rejoined the team only last Tuesday.

### Pleased

Pilic added that he would decide on Wednesday who would play singles besides Becker. He said, however, he was pleased with Steeb's wins over Andre Agassi and Mikael Pernfors at Key Biscayne.

With Mecir still uncertain, Czechoslovak captain Frantisek Pala has called up Marian Vajda to join Milan Srejber, Petr Korda and Tomas Smid.

Meanwhile, in Vienna, Austrian number two Horst Skoff said yesterday an injury to Thomas Muster had destroyed any chance of their country progressing in the Davis Cup.

Austria, who trounced Australia 5-0 in the world group first round, will meet Sweden in the

second round in Vienna from April 7-9.

Muster severely injured a knee ligament in a freak car accident in Key Biscayne, Florida, on Friday and was forced to withdraw from today's scheduled final against Ivan Lendl in the International Players Championship.

### Learned

Muster had just beaten Frenchman Yannick Noah in five sets and he learned while in hospital that his victory had earned him a place in the top 10 of the world rankings for the first time.

"First the odds were 60-40 for us. Now they are 90-10 against us," Skoff told Austrian newsmen.

He, Alexander Antonitsch and Stefan Lochbihler are to play in the match. Coach Jan Kukal told newsmen that either Thomas Buchmayr or Oliver Fuchs, both inexperienced, would be brought in to replace Muster.

"We simply have not got a fourth full-fledged man for the Davis Cup. And that is why Austria, despite its successes, is still not a real tennis power," Kukal said.

## US basketball

## Players may be invited to Olympics

MUNICH, West Germany, April 2. (AP) At the place where the United States' perfect record in Olympic basketball came to an end almost 17 years ago, top officials of the sport are expected to vote this week to give the United States such an edge that it may never lose again.

FIBA, basketball's international governing body, is to decide on Friday whether to open its world championships and the Olympic tournament to professional players.

The move would allow US stars of the National Basketball Association such as Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson to wear "USA" on their jerseys and play for an Olympic gold medal.

"Our intention is to have the best possible players in the Olympics, as with other sports, and our feeling is that professional contracts should not be the criteria for eligibility," said David Turner, technical assistant to FIBA Secretary-General Boris Stankovic and a key figure in the drive to allow pros in the games.

### Opposition

Turner said opposition remained within the federation to the plan, but expected the measure, which was narrowly defeated two years ago, to pass.

At first glance it would seem that the move, in the works for the last three years, could tip the balance of power in Olympic basketball too far in the United States' favour. That may seem unfair for a country that inven-

ted basketball and has lost just two times since the sport was introduced to the Games in 1936.

But supporters argue that many nations besides the United States will benefit from the move. "It's not just Americans who play in the NBA," Turner said. "Look at West Germany, which has three players in the NBA. Puerto Rico and Canada also would benefit."

The Philippines, which has a thriving professional League of its own, would get a boost in Olympic competition, Turner said, while Nigeria, which never has played in the final Olympic group, could suddenly become a power with the eligibility of one of the NBA's superstars, Akem Olajewon of the Houston Rockets.

"This is hypothetical, of course, but imagine the programme Nigeria could build around Akem," Turner said.

### Interest

Admitting high-profile professionals also could raise interest in the sport and help basketball development world-wide, the official added.

The Olympics had an interrupted string of US gold medalists in the men's basketball tournament from the sport's introduction in Berlin through the 1968 Games in Mexico City. The United States was unbeaten in that stretch and few teams came close to their power, after beating Canada 19-8 in the 1936 gold-medal game, the closest the

Americans came to a loss in Olympic finals was in 1952, when the Soviet Union resorted to a stall and the United States won 36-25 behind Clyde Lovellette.

Then came 1972 in Munich. Led by college stars such as Doug Collins, Tommy Burleson, Bobby Jones and Tom McMillen, the United States breezed through the first eight games before meeting the Soviets in the final. In one of the greatest controversies in international sports history, the Soviets scored a last-second basket after the clock was reset for a 51-50 victory, ending the US winning streak at 62 games.

### Vote

The FIBA vote, at a special meeting called solely to discuss professionalism, will be held in a Conference Room at Olympic stadium, in the same parklike complex where the basketball game was held. The man who ordered the clock reset, then secretary-general R. William Jones of Britain, has been mentioned prominently by backers of the move to open the Games to professionals.

"Integration of the world's best players into FIBA competition under our guardianship is my dearest wish for 1989," Stankovic wrote to federation members earlier this year. "This would also make William Jones' dream come true, who worked for many years to prepare the path toward this goal."

## NZ urges San Diego not to appeal

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, April 2. (Reuters) New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club, which last week won a court battle for the America's Cup, urged rivals San Diego today not to appeal against the judgement.

The US America's Cup Organising Committee earlier had said it would ask the San Diego Yacht Club to appeal against a New York supreme court ruling stripping the Californians of sailing's most prestigious trophy and awarding it to Mercury Bay.

"The world at large, including the majority of America, agrees with the court's decision," said Mercury Bay commodore Toby Morcom. "San Diego Yacht Club should now abide by the ruling of the referee and, in doing so, earn the respect of everyone."

The ruling came after a bitter battle that followed San Diego's decision to field a nimble catamaran last September to beat off a challenge for the cup from Mercury Bay's huge single-hulled sloop.

Judge Carmen Ciparick last week described the race series, which San Diego won easily on the water, as a gross mismatch. San Diego has yet to announce whether it will appeal.

Morcom made his call in an open message to his San Diego counterpart Pat Goddard. "Speaking yacht club to yacht club, commodore to commodore, I urge Goddard and his club to decide that enough is enough," he said.

But organising committee president Malin Burnham said yesterday an appeal was in the best interests of the America's Cup. "We strongly believe no court of law anywhere in the world should have the power to reverse sporting events," he said in San Diego.

### Challenge

The rival clubs fought not only the cup but also the right to stage the next challenge for the trophy in 1991. Mercury Bay plans to defend the cup off Auckland in an event that will pump huge amounts of money into the local economy — money San Diego will lose unless it overturns the ruling.

Morcom said it was vested interest groups in San Diego that were in favour of an appeal, not the yachtsmen. Last week, San Diego skipper Dennis Conner said he did not favour an appeal. Michael Fay, Mercury Bay's millionaire backer, estimates that the host city of the next challenge will reap billions of dollars as the big-spending yachting set descends.

## Wada wins Fuji race

GOTEMBA, Japan, April 2. (AP) Starting from the pole position, Takao Wada today drove his Lola MF308 to victory in the Fuji speed race, the first leg of the six-series Fuji Grand Championship series.

Wada sped 40 laps around the 4.470 kms (2.77-mile) Fuji speedway at the foot of the Mount Fuji in 55 minutes, 27.861 seconds, at an average speed of 193.422 kms (119.822-miles) an hour.

Wada won five million yen (\$38,500).

Kazuyoshi Hoshino, in an 89GE Mugen, came in second in 55:39.814.

Britain's Geoff Lees, in a Kawai 89GC Mugen, finished third in 55:57.072.

Driving a Mizuno Sports Lola, Eje Elgh of Sweden was the second-fastest foreign driver, finishing seventh in 56:24.937.

A total of 17 machines started and 13 completed the race.

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## Top of the League heats up

## Own goal costs Arsenal key points

MANCHESTER, April 2. (AP) Tony Adams flicked the ball into his own net to give Manchester United a 1-1 draw with Arsenal today and cost the English soccer League leaders a much-needed victory.

Adams had put the Gunners from north London ahead 1-0 with a diving header in the 77th minute of the nationally televised match.

But eight minutes later, the Arsenal captain deflected a shot from the left side over the head of goalie John Lukic to enable United to draw and deprive the visitors of extra room at the top of Division One.

"We went in front and then I messed it up again," Adams said.

The draw left Arsenal with 60 points after 31 games, three

points more than Liverpool, which moved into second place yesterday with a 1-0 victory over Norwich. Liverpool, the defending League champion which has played 30 games, has now made up 17 points on Arsenal in the last six weeks and hosts the Gunners April 23, when a victory could move them into first place.

A victory by Arsenal today would have kept it far enough ahead of Liverpool so that a single victory by the second-place team could not have changed the standings. English League teams get three points for a victory, one point for a draw.

"We are pleased with the point but obviously we would have liked the win," Adams said.

Today's game was played before 37,000 fans in a steady rain that turned the turf at Old

Trafford into a quagmire. Any ball kicked into the midfield circle died in the mud, making it difficult for players to pass and run.

## Majority

Both teams had chances in the first 75 minutes, with the majority going to Arsenal, but no one scored until Adams dived low to head in a cross from his left side in the 77th minute.

It looked as if the goal would be enough, but Adams was to be heard from again, this time at his own end.

A United cross bounced off an Arsenal player's foot and looped toward the Gunners' goalmouth. Lukic appeared to be in a position to take the ball, but at the last minute Adams, retreating on defence, stuck out his foot and chipped the ball over the goalie's

head. Lukic hustled back but a last-second dive by the Arsenal goalie failed to prevent the tying goal at 85 minutes.

## Standings

Table	played	won	drawn	lost	goals for	against	points
English Division One							
Arsenal	31	17	9	5	59	32	60
Liverpool	30	16	9	5	48	22	57
Norwich	30	16	8	6	42	31	56
Millwall	31	14	8	9	43	36	50
Tottenham	30	12	6	12	44	44	48
Nottingham	32	12	11	9	51	43	47
Coventry	32	12	10	10	39	46	46
Wimbledon	29	13	6	10	38	33	45
Derby	30	13	6	11	32	35	45
Man United	29	11	11	7	38	44	44
Everton	30	10	11	9	40	36	41
QPR	31	9	10	12	31	30	37
Sheffield Wed	31	9	9	13	29	40	36
Aston Villa	32	8	10	14	37	47	34
Charlton	31	7	12	12	35	43	33
Middlesbrough	31	8	9	14	35	50	33
Southampton	30	7	11	12	42	56	32
Leeds	32	7	9	16	31	47	30
Newcastle	31	7	8	16	29	51	29
West Ham	28	5	7	16	22	47	22

DUBAI: Liverpool's Dubai Champions Cup clash with Celtic on Tuesday night has become the talk of the footballing world as Britain's two premier clubs prepare to clash in the Gulf for the second time.

For Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish, the past week has been one of the most frantic in his illustrious career at Anfield as he faced up to heavily publicised fixture crisis that threatened to wreck his club's League and FA Cup hopes.

## Headed

Following Saturday's 1-0 away victory over Norwich took them to within two points of English First Division leaders Arsenal, Liverpool headed for Gatwick Airport and the Emirates flight carrying both the English and Scottish champions

to Dubai last night. After their encounter with Celtic in a match co-hosted by Dubai Duty Free and Emirates, Liverpool return to the UK on Wednesday and face Sheffield Wednesday in the League three days later.

They then meet Millwall on April 11 in a re-arranged League game before facing Nottingham Forest in their FA Cup semifinal on April 15. And Liverpool are still not safe from the threat of having to play a potential championship decider against Arsenal on April 12.

Liverpool have reacted angrily to the football League's suggestion of that date, following a request from England manager Bobby Robson for the match to be brought forward from its original Saturday slot on April

22. Facing a World Cup qualifying tie against Albania on April 25, Robson is anxious for the Liverpool and Arsenal players in his squad to have a longer rest before a game that could put England in a dominant position in their qualifying group.

However, while Dubai has held on to its prime soccer date amid this fixture chaos back in England, Robson now seems unlikely to get his wish for international breathing space.

Meanwhile, Celtic beaten 2-1 by Dubai Champions Cup holders Rangers in the big Glasgow derby game on Saturday, head for Dubai seeking revenge. They lost to Liverpool in a penalty shoot-out in the first Champions Cup clash in 1986.

Despite Saturday's setback against Rangers, Celtic have not given up hope of clinching a double triumph in Scotland this season, having already reached the Scottish FA Cup semifinals.

## Clark sets meet record

NEW YORK, April 2. (AP) Pat Clark set a meet record today in winning a 100-mile (160-kilometre) run at Flushing Meadow Park.

Clark finished in 12 hours, 12 minutes and 19 seconds, easily beating the mark of 12:56:34 set by Stu Mittleman in 1982. Forty-one men and nine women competed in the run, organised by the Metropolitan Athletics Congress.

## Indians struggle before heavy rain

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, April 2. (Reuters) India were 38 for two when rain ended play early on the second day of their four-day match against a West Indies Cricket Board XI today.

Rain washed out play on the first day.

The whole of the first day of the four-day match was lost and on a pitch that was still damp, the 18 overs possible before lunch were distinctly lively.

India, put in, lost two wickets for 12 in the first five overs and should have lost a third soon afterwards when Navjot Sidhu was dropped on five at second slip by Roger Harper off Tony Gray.

The out-of-form Arun Lal went first for two when, for the fourth time in as many innings, he was caught trying to hook. Gray bowled him a bouncer which he gloved to wicketkeeper David Williams who held a superb leg-side catch.

Wokeri Raman, who has been unable to have even a net since arriving in the Caribbean last Monday as Krishna Srikanth's replacement, followed soon afterwards. He played a loose shot outside the off stump to Patrick Patterson and was caught behind for two.

Sidhu, after being missed, played well against some hostile bowling from the three-pronged pace attack of Patterson, Gray and Winston Benjamin. By lunch he was 17 in 94 minutes.

Sanjay Manjrekar made 11 in 70 minutes, giving Sidhu staunch support before the rain fell in torrents to soak an outfield which was so slow that edges through the slips were not even reaching the boundary.

## Teams:

WEST INDIES: Board XI: Phil Simmons, Carlisle Best, Clayton Lambert, Carl Hooper, Brian Lara, Cleveland Davidson, David Williams, Winston Benjamin, Tony Gray, Patrick Patterson.

INDIA: Kapil Dev (captain), Arun Lal, Navjot Sidhu, Wokeri Raman, Sanjay Manjrekar, Ajay Sharma, Robin Singh, Saba Karim, Sanjeev Sharma, Margashayam Venkatramana, Narendra Hirwani.

## New Zealand win Hong Kong rugby

HONG KONG, April 2. (Reuters) Two tries within a minute by scrum-half Kevin Pitt steered New Zealand to a 22-10 victory over holders Australia in the final of the Hong Kong Sevens Rugby Union Tournament today.

Pitt, replacing regular scrum-half Alan Crossley who was injured in the All Blacks' Sydney Sevens triumph last Sunday, completely outstripped the Australian defence for his match-winning efforts, mid-way through the second-half.

"This doesn't mean we are the best in the world," said New Zealand coach Peter Thorburn.

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## Inter rout Como to extend lead

ROME, April 2. (Reuters) West Germany's Lothar Matthaus scored twice as Internazionale Milan crushed Como 4-0 to extend their lead at the top of the Italian soccer First Division to six points.

Inter grabbed a quick start with a second minute goal from Nicola Bertl and were still in control when Matthaus converted a penalty in the 71st minute. He scored again six minutes later after beating two players in the area.

Winger Alessandro Bianchi scored the last in the 99th minute. Napoli, second with 34 points from 23 matches, went down 4-2 yesterday at home to Juventus.

## Forward

The southern club joined defending champions AC Milan,

2-1 winners against Atlanta, in bringing forward their matches to enjoy an extra day's rest ahead of their European Cup first leg semifinal games on Wednesday.

Sampdoria, who travel to Belgium on Wednesday to meet Malines in the Cup Winners Cup, stuck to their today slot but were held to a goalless draw at Bologna.

Bologna, promoted this season and currently in mid-table, have not lost at home for nine years and proved troublesome for the third-placed visitors.

On a day in which four of the 12 First Division goals were scored by Inter, the best of the remaining matches was in Florence, where Fiorentina routed Pisa 3-0.

Fiorentina recovered well from having a seventh minute penalty by Enrico Cucchi saved by keeper Gianpaolo Grudina and took the lead in the 24th minute when Alberto di Chiara flipped a backward pass into the goal.

Forward Stefano Borgonovo performed the same trick seven minutes later and as Fiorentina kept up the attack against the second-from-bottom visitors, Brazil's Dunga made it three seconds before the half time whistle.

In Rome, West German striker Rudi Voeller scored off a pass from a free kick 10 minutes into the second half to give Roma a 1-0 victory over Cesena, which raised them one place to eighth in the standings.

## Jansher upsets Jahangir

MONACO, April 2. (Reuters) Jansher Khan used his superior fitness to upset world champion and fellow-Pakistani Jahangir Khan in the final of the Monte Carlo Open squash tournament today.

Jansher triumphed in a tight two-hour battle that went the full five games and gained a valuable psychological boost ahead of the British Open starting on April 12.

The 7-15-15-11-17-15-12-15-7 win gave Jansher his first Grand Prix victory of the year and was sweet revenge for his heavy defeat to Jahangir in Spain two weeks ago.

## Newcomer Franz' efforts to stop Swedes fail

DORTMUND, West Germany, April 2. (Reuters) Teenaged newcomer Peter Franz tried to stop the mighty Swedish at the World Table Tennis Championships today but his more experienced, West German team-mates let him down.

Franz stepped in at short notice to replace the 26-year-old Georg Boehm, who pulled out because of a migraine headache, but not even a plucky performance by the youngster could stop Sweden winning the quarterfinal 5-2.

The European champions will face North Korea, 5-1 winners over Japan, in tomorrow's semifinals of the men's team event.

## Debut

Franz, 17, who made his international debut only two months ago, gave the host nation hope after their top two players, Joerg Roskopf and Steffen Fetzner, had lost their opening singles in straight games.

He took former European champion Joergen Persson to three games before conceding defeat and then came back from one game down to beat Mikael Appelgren, the current occupant of the European throne.

"It was my greatest triumph so far," said Franz, the European junior silver medalist. "I thought it was going to be difficult with all the spectators but



Persson: wins three matches

in the end they helped."

Appelgren, who had looked the sharpest of the Swedes when they defeated South Korea in the second stage round robin, had a tougher time today, needing to go to 26 points to win his opening game against Roskopf.

But Persson took his turn as

Sweden's hero, winning all three of his matches including a comfortable 21-1 21-11 defeat of Roskopf in the final rubber.

## Stunning

North Korea, bronze medalists behind China and Sweden at the 1987 World Championships, looked in stunning form as they

eliminated the Japanese in a fast and exciting tie.

Only Chu Jong Chol lost, going down in straight games to Japanese champion and fellow left-hander Kiyoshi Saitoh.

Swedish coach Glenn Osth said he had no fears about playing the North Koreans. Chu has played as a guest at a Swedish training camp for some months and several other North Koreans play in the Swedish league.

"We know their type of game," Osth said. "The North Koreans play a defensive game and some people don't like playing against defenders but we do. We will beat them."

Hong Kong's Chan Tan Lui and Chai Po Wa, who had swept everyone from their path until this afternoon, went out tamely against the Chinese women after a fighting start.

## Beaten

Chan and Chai, both Chinese-born, were beaten 3-0 by the defending world champions in the first of the women's semifinals.

China's Olympic champion Chen Jing broke Chan's resistance after a tough first game to win 24-26 21-13 21-13 and Li Huiwen, runner-up at the Seoul Games, was also taken to three by Chai.

Chen Jing and Li, helped by French Open champion Chen Zhe had thrashed Sweden 3-0 in the quarterfinals earlier today.

## I.A.C. badminton tournament

N.C. MATHEW, C.A. Hasan, Reji Joseph and George Joseph moved on to semifinals in men's singles in the I.A.C. badminton tournament.

N.C. Mathew pitted against a strong opponent Cherry George was down one game at 11-15, but showed his class by taking the second game at 15-8 and then claiming the winning game easily at 15-5. Philip Chenian put up a strong opposition but went down to Reji Joseph at 15-13, 15-3. C.A. Hasan made short work of J.S. Anand at 15-5, 15-2. George Joseph got a walk over from Louis Gonsalves.

## Other results

Men's doubles: George Joseph & Louis Gonsalves bt. Philip Chenian and Louis 13-18, 18-15; Mohan Das & P.V. Varghese bt. Varghese Joseph & John Kurien 18-17, 8-15, 18-13.

Couples' doubles: Mrs & Mr Rajan Daniel w/o Mrs & Mr Edison; Mrs & Mr George Varghese bt. Mrs & Mr Babu Alex 15-7, 15-6; Mrs & Mr George Tharain w/o Mrs & Mr George Varghese.

Mixed Doubles: Shobha Nair & P.V. Varghese bt. Vija Jacob & M.M. Joshi 12-15, 18-15, 15-8; Reeny Tharian & Sivakumar bt. Usha Walvekar & Louis Gonsalves 15-11, 17-14.

## Today's fixtures

7-8 pm. Men's singles (Semi): Reji Joseph vs. C.A. Hasan; Mathew N.C. vs. George Joseph. Mixed doubles (Semi): Susan Jacob & Cherry George vs. Reeny John & John Kurien; Shobha Nair & P.V. Varghese vs. Reeny Tharian & Sivakumar.

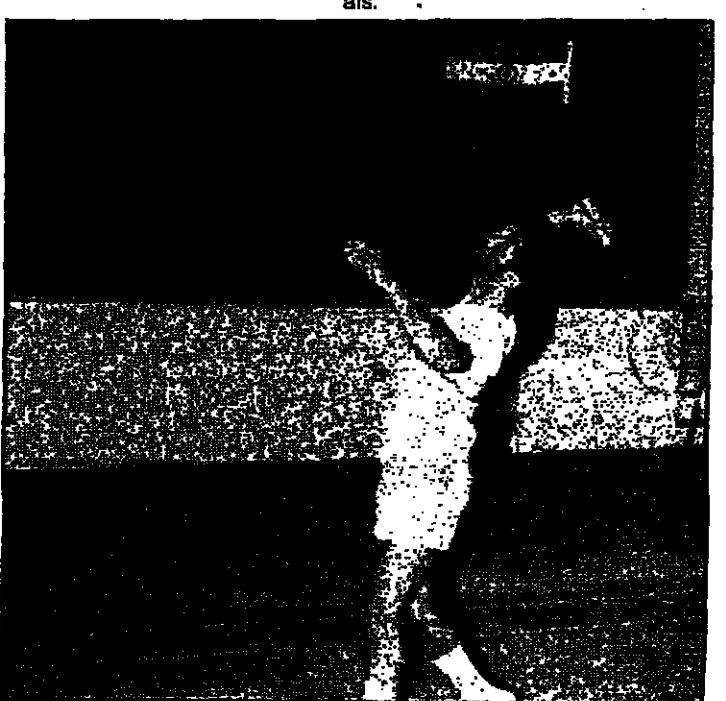
8-9 pm. Men's Doubles: (Q.F.): M.D. Varghese & Ashok Kumar vs. J.S. Anand & M.M. Joshi; C.A. Hasan & Jojo Nilappan vs. Reji Joseph & Cherry George.

9-10 pm. Men's doubles (Semi): George Joseph & Louis Gonsalves vs. Mohan Das & P.V. Varghese.

Couples' doubles (Semi): Mrs & Mr George Tharain vs. Mrs & Mr Jacob Mathews or Mrs & Mr



Mohandas (left) and P.V. Varghese advance to men's doubles semifinals.



N.C. Mathew in action during men's singles

Madhusudhanan Nair; Mrs & Mr Varghese Joseph or Mrs & Dr. Srivastava vs. Mrs & Mr Louis Gonsalves or Mrs & Mr Rajan Daniel.

The tournament is sponsored by P.K. Merwah and Jashanmal & Partners with additional prizes offered by Lipton Tea Company and Adidas.

## Alamudin clinches March medal

ALI Alamudin playing steady golf burst through a strong field to record the lowest score of the day and claim the March medal.

This was Alamudin's first victory in major competition at the

Hunting & Equestrian Club, which is the reward of his dedication and hard work since joining the club.

Equally the dynamic duo of Stephen and Eileen Watters were also winners at this competition. Stephen Watters (9) won division 'A' medal on a count back from Suhail Gidwani.

He was also edged out on a count back with Adnan Assaf (6) for the best gross of the day where both competitors carded 78.

Eileen Watters (30) winning her first competition at Hunting & Equestrian Club by taking division 'C' medal.

Therefore, making it a double victory for the Watters.

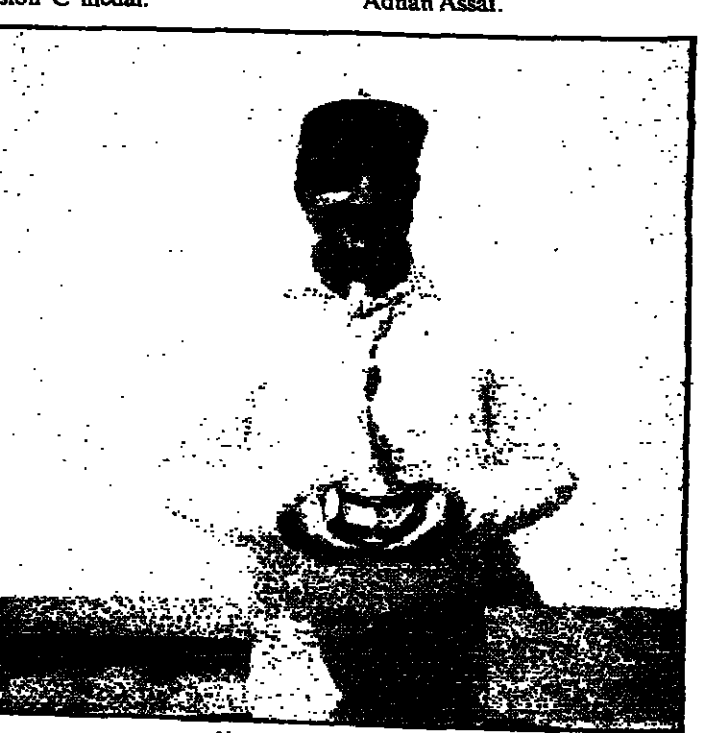
## Final results

Division 'A' winner: S. Watters (9) with 69; runner-up: S. Gidwani (12) with 69; third: S.S. Meng (10) with 71.

Division 'B' winner: A. Alamudin (21) with 68; runner-up: M. Jolly (18) with 70; third: H.S. Lee (19) with 70.

Division 'C' winner: E. Watters (30) with 69; runner-up: V. Hedenstrom (27) with 71; third: R.K. Lee (26) with 74.

Nearest to the pin winner: H.S. Lee and longest drive (men): Adnan Assaf.



Alamudin: lowest score

## Fijian Vijay Singh wins first European tour title

IS MOLAS, Sardinia, April 2. (Agencies) Fiji's Vijay Singh, twice a winner on Africa's Safari Golf Circuit, prevailed at a higher level by taking his first European tour triumph in the Volvo Open today.

If there was pressure on the burly Fijian, he seemed immune to it as he posted his third successive four-under-par 68 to capture the title by three shots from Australian Peter Fowler.

Britons Gordon J. Brand and Bill Longmuir shared third place another four shots back.

Admitted The 26-year-old Singh, who finished second at December's PGA tour qualifying school in Spain, admitted: "I didn't expect to win so soon in Europe but when I get a chance I go for it."

Singh, the first black player to win in Europe since South African Vincent Tshabalala in the 1976 French Open at Le Touquet, earned £33,000 (£57,750) for his victory.

He finished 12 under par with a total of 276.

Singh was fourth in the AGF Open in France last week after shooting 19 birdies and a hole in one and he did even better here.

In Malacca, Malaysia, American Jeff Maggert scored a runaway five-shot victory in the

rain-delayed Malaysian Open Golf Championship today.

The rain, which halted play three times, did not stop Maggert who returned a four-under-par 68 with birdies on the last three holes to pocket \$29,155 -- his biggest pay cheque since turning professional in June 1986.

"Everything was solid today, my drives, irons and putting were just great," said the 25-year-old Texan, who shared third place four shots off the lead heading into the final round.

Compatriot Greg Bruckner, the overnight leader, fell away to a 77 and was joined in second place by three more Americans, Bob Lendzion, Casey Nakama and 36-hole leader Graig McClellan.

In Edosaki, Japan, Tu Ai-Yu of Taiwan today broke away from a five-way tie for the lead with a final round 73 and posted a two-shot victory in the 40 million-yen (\$307,000) Tohato women's golf tournament.

Tu, who was tied with Japan's Fukumi Tani, Chikayo Yamazaki, Masumi Inaba and Kayoko Ikoma going into the final round, carded two birdies and two bogeys and wound up the three trips over the 6,267-yard, par-72 Edosaki country club course, northeast of Tokyo,

at 216, and even par.

Tu took home 7.2 million yen, (\$55,000) for her season's first and 46th career victory on the Japan LPGA tour.

Yuko Moriguchi, who was one shot off the pace, fired a 73 for 218 and shared second place with Tani, who had a 74.

Ikoma was alone in fourth place at 219 after firing a 75.

In Woodlands, Texas, Mike Donald managed only a two-over-par 74 yesterday but retained the lead after three rounds of the \$800,000 Independent Open golf tournament.

Donald, who began the day in first by four strokes, stood at eight-under-par 208. His lead was cut in half, however, as John Inman, Lance Ten Broeck and Spain's Seve Ballesteros moved to within two strokes of Donald after 54 holes.

Hal Sutton, Craig Stadler and defending champion Curtis Strange were three strokes back at 211, while a group of five golfers including Ben Crenshaw and Bruce Lietzke stood at 212 heading into today's final round. The winner will collect \$144,000.

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Ballesteros, who shot an even-par 72, carded birdies on the second and 15th holes. But the Spaniard, who was playing in a

group with Donald, lost a chance to grab a share of the lead when he duplicated Donald's consecutive bogeys on eight and nine.

In Frisco, Texas, Don Bies overcame winds gusting to 40 miles per hour (64 kilometres per hour) to shoot a 5-under-par 67 yesterday for an eight-shot lead after the second round of the Seniors Reunion Pro-Am.

Bies, the 1988 senior PGA rookie of the year, had a 9-under-par 135 total over the 7,064-yard par-72 Stonebriar country club course.

Bruce Crampton, who for the second time dunked a shot into the water on his finishing hole for a bogey, shot even-par 72 and was a distant second at 143.

Don January, who helped design the course, shot a 69 and was at even-par 144 along with Harold Henning, who had a 71, and Dale Douglas who shot his second consecutive 72.

Bies used a borrowed 46-inch Orville moody-model putter and holed a 25-foot sand wedge to complete his no-bogey round.